

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Topic: Speechwriters

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- a) **Is there a speechwriting section PM&C? If so, for whom do they write speeches?**
- b) **How many people are in that section, and at what levels are they?**
- c) **Are there any external contractors employed to write speeches? If so, who and how much are they paid?**

Answer:

- a) There are two APS officers employed in the Ministerial Services Unit of PM&C whose duties include the writing of portfolio speeches.
- b) The two officers who write speeches are at the EL2 and EL1 level.
- c) No.