



Australian Government
Department of Finance and Deregulation



Ms Christine McDonald
Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms McDonald

Correction: Additional Estimates Hearing on 14 February 2012

I am writing in relation to the appearance of the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) before the Committee on Tuesday, 14 February 2012. At the beginning of the consideration of Outcome 3 (Ministerial and Parliamentary Services), Senator Scott Ryan asked the Department (Hansard reference page F&PA 70) *This is the normal point where a series of ministerial staffing arrangements are tabled. I will give the officers time to do so.*

Three sets of documents were tabled by Finance, one of which was titled, *Personal Classifications – 1 February 2012*. Under the Government heading in the document it stated that as at 1 February 2012 there were 20 Government Staff with personal classifications and provided a table listing the offices where the staff were located.

Since the hearing on 14 February 2012, Finance has been advised of the allocation of additional personal classifications to Government Staff with a date of effect prior to 1 February 2012. As a result of the receipt by Finance of this additional information, the staffing information provided by Finance in relation to Personal Classifications at the hearing on 14 February 2012 requires updating. Accordingly, a revised *Personal Classifications – 1 February 2012* is attached to this letter.

It would be appreciated if you could bring the attached information to the attention of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

Deputy Secretary
Asset Management and Parliamentary Services
23 February 2012

PERSONAL CLASSIFICATIONS – 1 FEBRUARY 2012 (REVISED)

These staff are paid at a higher classification level than the position against which they are held.

Government

As at 1 February 2012, the 23 **Government** staff with personal classifications were located in the following offices:

OFFICE	NUMBER
The Hon Julia Gillard MP Prime Minister	1
The Hon Wayne Swan MP Treasurer (Deputy Prime Minister)	2
The Hon Simon Crean MP Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government Minister for the Arts	1
The Hon Stephen Smith MP Minister for Defence	1
The Hon Chris Bowen MP Minister for Immigration and Citizenship	1
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP Minister for Infrastructure and Transport	2
Senator the Hon Penny Wong Minister for Finance Deregulation	1
The Hon Peter Garrett MP Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth	1
Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister Assisting on Queensland Floods Recovery	1
The Hon Bill Shorten MP Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation	1
Senator the Hon Kim Carr Minister for Manufacturing Minister for Defence Materiel	5
Senator the Hon Mark Arbib Assistant Treasurer Minister for Small Business Minister for Sport	1
The Hon Gary Gray AO MP Special Minister of State Minister for the Public Service and Integrity	1
The Hon Jason Clare MP Minister for Home Affairs Minister for Justice	2

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OFFICE	NUMBER
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas Parliamentary Secretary for Disability and Carers	1
The Hon Catherine King MP Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure and Transport	1

The personal classifications are at the following levels (number of staff):

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER
Executive Assistant/Office Manager	1
Assistant Adviser	3
Adviser	6
Senior Media Adviser	1
Senior Adviser 1 (non-Cabinet)	2
Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet)	6
Chief of Staff (Cabinet)	3
Principal Adviser	1

Opposition

As at 1 February 2012, the one **Opposition** staff member with a personal classification was located in the following office:

OFFICE	NUMBER
The Hon Tony Abbott MP Leader of the Opposition	1

The personal classification is at the following level (number of staff):

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER
Adviser	1

Non-Government

As at 1 February 2012, there were nil **non-Government** staff members with a personal classification.