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Senator: Ryan

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Question:

Senator Ryan: How far back does the four per cent ratio for minor parties go? Is that again a longstanding—

Mr Tune: It was 2011.

Senator Ryan: Do you know what the rule was when it applied to the Australian Democrats? Was there a similar rule in place?

Answer:

Finance has no records of any particular ratios applying to the staffing allocation of the Australian Democrats during the period when they held minority party status.