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Mr Alistair Sands
Secretary
Finance and Public Administration
Legislation Committee
SG.60
Parliament House

Dear Mr Sands

ESTIMATES — QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SENATE DEPARTMENT

The following further information is provided to the committee in relation to matters raised at the committee's hearing on 26 May 2003 and in additional questions placed on notice.

Question on Notice P8 - Senator Ray - *On how many occasions in the last 12 months has disciplinary action been taken in relation to inappropriate use of the internet?*

In the Senate Department there has been one occasion in the last 12 months where disciplinary action was commenced in relation to an officer concerning inappropriate use of the internet. The officer resigned before the process was completed.

Question on Notice P15 - Senator Carr

Senate Department
Q1 (SES staff numbers)

Date	Number of SES Band 1	Number of SES Band 2
30/6/1996	5	1
30/6/1997	5	1
30/6/1998	5	1
30/6/1999	5	1
30/6/2000	5	1
30/6/2001	5	1
30/6/2002	5	1
31/3/2003	4	1

Q2 (SES salaries)

Date	SES Band 1	SES Band 2
30/6/1996	\$64,878—\$ 80,510	\$ 99,232
30/6/1997	\$66,175—\$ 82,120	\$101,217
30/6/1998	\$71,639—\$ 88,221	\$108,082
30/6/1999	\$75,571—\$ 89,985	\$110,244
30/6/2000	\$77,838—\$ 95,260	\$116,126
30/6/2001	\$80,984—\$ 99,108	\$120,818
30/6/2002	\$84,222—\$103,072	\$125,651
31/3/2003	\$84,222—\$103,072	\$125,651

Q3 (Overlapping salaries)

Nil
Not applicable

Q4 (other SES-equivalent staff)

One (the Senior Adviser to the President, a MOPS Act employee)
Salary plus Ministerial Staff Allowance of \$99,500

Question on Notice P 16 - Senator Carr

Q1 (cashing out of motor vehicles and superannuation)

The Senate Department's arrangements provide for the cashing out of motor vehicles. The cash out value does not count as salary for superannuation purposes.

Q2 (nature of those arrangements)

Not applicable as the cash out value does not count as salary for superannuation purposes.

Yours sincerely

(Harry Evans)