

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

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Question: F2

Outcome: General, Output: General

Topic: Growth Rate

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Senator Sherry asked:

What is the relative staff growth in the Department of Finance and Administration compared to other Departments?

Answer:

The average growth staffing rate for the Department of Finance and Administration (Finance) for the 12 month period 1 May 2004 to 30 April 2005 is 4 %. If the impact of Administrative Arrangements Orders, which added the Office of Evaluation and Audit and the Australian Government Information Management Office to the Department on 1 July 2004 and 22 October 2004 respectively, is included, then the staff growth rate for Finance is 15.8%.

The Department is not in a position to provide data on the rate of growth in staff numbers of other Departments.