

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Cost of Government Staffing Establishment

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Senator Carr asked:

What is the total annual cost of salaries and other remuneration benefits for the full staffing complement of the chart handed up 'Government personal staff as at 1 May 2005'?

Could you do that and give me the equivalent year to date going back to 2001-02 so I can get a comparison? Is that possible?

Answer:

The total cost of salary and other remuneration benefits for the full staffing complement of the chart handed up 'Government personal staff as at 1 May 2005', going back to 1 May 2001 is as follows:

Date	Total salary and allowances^{2, 3, 4}
01-May-01	\$27,364,286
01-May-02	\$28,788,003
01-May-03	\$29,203,452
01-May-04	\$33,553,707
01-May-05	\$35,724,432

The total cost of salary and other remuneration benefits for the full staffing complement¹ for Non Government personal staff as at 1 May 2005, going back to 1 May 2001 is as follows:

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Date	Total salary and allowances ^{1, 2, 3, 4}
01-May-01	\$6,300,319
01-May-02	\$6,528,491
01-May-03	\$7,030,892
01-May-04	\$7,561,034
01-May-05	\$8,513,281

Notes:

1. The information regarding non Government personal staff includes staff allocated to the ALP, Democrats and Independents (but excludes staff of former Prime Ministers).
2. Total Salary and Allowances includes Salary and applicable allowances including Parliamentary Staff Allowance, Ministerial Staff Allowance, 15% loading in lieu of leave, value of Private Plated Vehicle and District Allowance. Superannuation costs have not been included.
3. The value of the provision of a Private Plated Vehicle for eligible senior staff has been given as the value of the allowance in lieu of Private Plated Vehicle applicable as at 1 May each year.
4. The annual rate of salary and allowances (excluding the Private Plated Vehicle) in receipt by an individual staff member has been adjusted by (a) part-time hours and (b) for absences on leave without pay or half pay as at 1 May of each year. For example, a part-time staff member (working 20 hrs per week) receiving salary at a rate of \$40,000pa and Parliamentary Staff Allowance of \$12,606pa is absent on half pay on 1 May 2003: the total value of remuneration will be \$52,606, multiplied by 20/36.75 for part-time hours, then multiplied by 0.5 for leave on half pay. Please note that where a staff member who is eligible for a Private Plated Vehicle is absent on leave on half pay or without pay then the value of the vehicle is not reduced as the vehicle continues to be provided during the absence.