

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Members of Parliament Staff - Special Advisers

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Senator Carr asked:

How many special advisers are currently employed as MOPS staff? How does that compare with recent years? Can you do the same pattern for me, please, as before.

Answer:

The special adviser classification was created in June 2000 to recognise the value of work performed at a level that falls between the Adviser and Senior Adviser classifications. The special adviser classification was made available to non-Government staff in January 2003. These are not additional positions but personal classifications to recognise the particular skills and responsibilities of individual staff members.

As at 1 May 2005 there were nine (9) Government staff and one (1) non-Government staff member with a personal classification of special adviser.

As at 1 May 2004 there were four (4) Government staff and two (2) non-Government staff with a personal classification of special adviser.

As at 1 May 2003 there were five (5) Government staff with a personal classification of special adviser.

As at 1 May 2002 there were eight (8) Government staff with a personal classification of special adviser.

As at 1 May 2001 there were four (4) Government staff with a personal classification of special adviser.