

**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: F43**

**Outcome: 3, Output: 3.1**

**Topic: Government Members Secretariat**

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**Senator Carr asked:**

What I would like to have is an updated figure, if I could. I would like to have it so I get an annual costs of the operations of this unit. Could I have it broken down in the same way (answer to F17 of 17 February 2004). Is it possible to give me a time series on that? Do you have historical data on what the changes have been since 1996? Is that readily retrievable or not? Is it possible to get that?

**Answer:**

The costs associated with the operation of the Government Members Secretariat for the period financial years 2001/2002 to 2004/2005 borne by the Department of Finance and Administration are detailed in the following tables. Historical data going back to 1996 is not readily available.

**2001/2002**

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Amount (GST exclusive)</b>
Travel Expenses (including Fares, Car Transport Costs, Motor Vehicle Allowance <sup>1</sup> and Travel Allowance)	\$170,123.45
Ministerial Staff Allowance/ Parliamentary Staff Allowance	\$103,752.13
Salaries <sup>2</sup>	\$614,682.94
Administrative Expenses <sup>3</sup>	\$90,907.76
Other <sup>4</sup>	\$2,723.79

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**2002/2003**

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Amount (GST exclusive)</b>
Travel Expenses (including Fares, Car Transport Costs, Motor Vehicle Allowance <sup>1</sup> and Travel Allowance)	\$159,338.61
Ministerial Staff Allowance/ Parliamentary Staff Allowance	\$106,560.08
Salaries <sup>2</sup>	\$614,952.36
Administrative Expenses <sup>3</sup>	\$77,936.00
Other <sup>4</sup>	-

**2003/2004**

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Amount (GST exclusive)</b>
Travel Expenses (including Fares, Car Transport Costs, Motor Vehicle Allowance <sup>1</sup> and Travel Allowance)	\$169,220.08
Ministerial Staff Allowance/ Parliamentary Staff Allowance	\$109,515.55
Salaries <sup>2</sup>	\$671,330.46
Administrative Expenses <sup>3</sup>	\$91,671.18
Other <sup>4</sup>	\$19,322.32

**2004/2005 (as at 30 May 2005)**

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Amount (GST exclusive)</b>
Travel Expenses (including Fares, Car Transport Costs, Motor Vehicle Allowance <sup>1</sup> and Travel Allowance)	\$189,662.99
Ministerial Staff Allowance/ Parliamentary Staff Allowance	\$121,403.48
Salaries <sup>2</sup>	\$834,070.11
Administrative Expenses <sup>3</sup>	\$76,589.08
Other <sup>4</sup>	\$515.72

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#### *Notes*

1. Motor Vehicle Allowance is paid to staff who use their own vehicle for approved travel purposes.
2. Salaries includes Employer Superannuation, allowance in lieu of Private Plated Vehicle, payments in lieu of leave, severance benefits, and Motor Vehicle Allowance where paid as part of relocation.
3. Administrative Expenses includes administrative support expenses such as the supply of equipment, stationery, newspapers etc.
4. Other includes OH&S, training and removal/relocation costs.