

**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: F49**

**Outcome: 3, Output: 3.1**

**Topic: Members of Parliament Staff - Security Clearances**

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**Senator Faulkner asked:**

So can you take on notice, as of today's date, what the compliance rate is. Could you also supply the rate of non-compliance-that is, how long clearances have been outstanding?

**Answer:**

As at 26 May 2005, 506 staff required a security clearance.

297 staff had a security clearance. A further 83 staff had returned their completed security documentation to the security vetting agency which was undertaking the security clearance process.

As at 26 May 2005, 126 staff had not yet returned their completed documentation to the security vetting agency. Of these, 83 had been outstanding for more than 3 months.