

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio  
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**Question: F38**

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**Topic: MOP(S) employees – the Hon Andrew Robb MP**

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**Senator Faulkner asked:**

Just so I understand the time frame, as a backbencher Mr Robb had one staff member prior to 1 February 2006. I will ask a different question and you can explain it to me, just so that I am clear. On the document entitled 'Establishment variations – government – 1 February to 1 May', Mr Robb is listed as having an additional five staff. On the document entitled 'Government personal employees, 1 May 2006', there are eight. Could you let me know when those increases were made? ..... I am just interested in the timing of the allocation of positions to Mr Robb.

**Answer:**

On 30 January 2006, the Prime Minister allocated Mr Robb, as a Parliamentary Secretary, one Adviser position, one Assistant Adviser position and one Executive Assistant/Office Manager position. On 13 February 2006, the Prime Minister approved the additional allocation of one Senior Adviser (non-Cabinet) position, two Adviser positions and one Secretary/Administrative Assistant position. On 2 March 2006, the Prime Minister approved a supplementary Senior Adviser position in Mr Robb's office for a fixed period.