

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2007

Question: F5

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Topic: Security Clearances

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Senator Faulkner asked:

What is the current compliance rate?

Answer:

As at 23 May 2007, 486 employees out of 595 (81.7 per cent) either held a Top Secret security clearance or had submitted their security documentation to Ministerial and Parliamentary Services' (M&PS) external security vetting agency. The breakdown is as follows:

- 399 (67.1 per cent) employees held a current security clearance; and
- 87 (14.6 per cent) employees had submitted their security documentation to M&PS' external security vetting agency and were currently being assessed.