

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Ronaldson asked:

What determinations, Minister, have been made under the MOP(S) Act since February 2008, and can you list them and what they give effect to?

Answer:

The determinations that have been made under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (MOP(S) Act) since February 2008 and their effects are as follows:

Determination	Effect
Determination 2008/Part III/45(i) to (xi), made on 21 February 2008.	Determination made under section 12 to allow certain Senators and Members (a number of Whips, the Deputy and Second Deputy Speaker and one Shadow Minister) to employ staff under Part III of the MOP(S) Act.
Determination 2008/Part III/2, made on 10 March 2008	Determination made under section 12 to enable the Hon Alexander Downer MP to employ a personal employee under Part III of the MOP(S) Act.
Determination 2008/Part III/3, made on 6 May 2008	Determination made under section 12 to enable Senators and Members to employ two personal employees against the same position for a period of up to two days for the purpose of a work handover in certain circumstances, for example where a personal employee is vacating a position due to promotion, transfer or resignation, or commencing or returning from a period of leave of 12 weeks or more.