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Answers to Questions on Notice

**Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary
Services**

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Topic: DPS Staff numbers (within and external to Parliament House)

Question P1, F&PA 10 & 12

Senator RONALDSON—Just out of interest, Mr Thompson, could you take on notice the number of [DPS] staff who were employed in Parliament House in March of 1996 and November of 2007?...Yes. Perhaps DPS staff in Parliament House and DPS as a whole—so those who might have been housed outside Parliament House on those dates.

Mr Thompson—Earlier you asked for staffing numbers for March 1996 and November 2007. The March 1996 figures would be the aggregate of figures, if we can dig them up, for the three predecessor departments. We would have to see what level of detail we have in our records.

Senator RONALDSON—Thank you. I appreciate the clarification.

Answer

1 Staff numbers for the three former departments at 30 June 1996, as reported in their annual reports for 1995/96, were as follows:

- (a) Department of the Parliamentary Library—199 (all located in Parliament House);
- (b) Joint House Department—346 (three staff were located in the Queanbeyan Store and approximately 20 staff were located in West Block); and
- (c) Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff—334 (approximately 75 staff were located in East Block).

2 As at 30 June 1996 the former departments had a total of 879 staff, of which approximately 98 were not located in Parliament House.

3 As at 30 November 2007 the Department of Parliamentary Services had 820 staff. All were, and continue to be, located in Parliament House.