

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio
Department of Climate Change
Budget Estimates Hearing–May 2009

Written question reference: CC21a-e

Outcome/Output: Outcome 1, Output Group 1.1 – Response to climate change

Topic: Ministerial Office staff

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Question: (Senator Birmingham)

- a) Please provide the names, salaries, titles and responsibilities of all staff in the Ministers' offices.
- b) Please indicate what their salaries were in October 2007 (or when they started) and what their salaries are now.
- c) Please identify which staff have government cars as part of their package. What model vehicles do they drive? What is the cost of the vehicle packages?
- d) Which staff are entitled to fly business class?
- e) What is the home base for each of the staff? If they are not located in the home base of the employing Minister/Parliamentary Secretary or Canberra, what is the reason?

Answer:

As at 29 May 2009, there was one departmental staff member provided to the Minister for Climate Change and Water and one to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). The individuals were employed under the Department of the Environment and Heritage Collective Agreement 2006-2009.

The individual provided to Minister for Climate Change and Water salary range was \$77,457 to \$87,525 and individual at the PMO salary range was \$94,527 to \$106,391. Both individuals were also in receipt of an additional Departmental Liaison Officer Allowance of \$16,275 per annum. For privacy reasons the exact amount cannot be disclosed.

The Department of Finance and Deregulation has provided the following further information:

- a) Classifications and salary ranges only are provided so as not to identify personal information of individual employees. As at 29 May 2009:

Number of Employees per Classification	Salary Range
1 x Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	\$105,441 to \$142,225
1 x Senior Media Adviser	\$89,348 to \$121,638
4 x Adviser	\$77,869 to \$114,916
2 x Assistant Adviser	\$64,920 to \$77,869
1 x Executive Assistant / Office Manager	\$52,580 to \$64,920
1 x Secretary / Administrative Assistant	\$41,419 to \$54,253

Note: Excludes Electorate Employees

The Department of Finance and Deregulation is not aware of the designated titles that may be used in individual offices or the responsibilities of individual employees and is unable to answer this part of the question.

b)

Classification May 2009	Classification: As at October 2007 or Commencement with Minister	Salary Range: As at October 2007 or Commencement with Minister	Salary Range: As at 29 May 2009
Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	November 2008: Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	\$100,900 to \$136,100	See answer to part (a) for salary ranges
Senior Media Adviser	October 2007: Assistant Adviser	\$58,005 to \$71,307	See answer to part (a) for salary ranges
Adviser	March 2008: Adviser	\$74,516 to \$109,967	See answer to part (a) for salary ranges
Adviser	January 2008: Adviser	\$74,516 to \$109,967	See answer to part (a) for salary ranges
Adviser	February 2008: Adviser	\$74,516 to \$109,967	See answer to part (a) for salary ranges
Adviser	January 2008: Adviser	\$74,516 to \$109,967	See answer to part (a) for salary ranges
Assistant Adviser	March 2008: Assistant Adviser	\$62,124 to \$74,516	See answer to part (a) for salary ranges
Assistant Adviser	March 2009: Assistant Adviser	\$64,920 to \$77,869	See answer to part (a) for salary ranges
Executive Assistant / Office Manager	February 2008: Executive Assistant / Office Manager	\$50,316 to \$62,124	See answer to part (a) for salary ranges
Secretary / Administrative Assistant	December 2008: Secretary / Administrative Assistant	\$41,419 to \$54,253	See answer to part (a) for salary ranges

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c)

The Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet) has been provided with a Toyota Prius. Lease costs are \$1,075.45 per month.

d) Employees above the classification of Adviser are entitled to travel at business class.

e)

Classification	Home Base
Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	1 x Adelaide
Senior Media Adviser	1 x Adelaide
Adviser	4 x Canberra
Assistant Adviser	2 x Canberra
Executive Assistant / Office Manager	1 x Canberra
Secretary / Administrative Assistant	1 x Canberra

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