

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee —Budget Estimates May 2009

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: Breakdown of details on PSS staff; Ministerial Wing responsibility

Question P12(a-d), Written Question on Notice

Senator RONALDSON

With reference to the proposed reduction in security staff in Parliament House:

- a) How many security staff below the level of supervisor were there in 2005-06? How many are there today?
- b) When did DPS take over responsibility for security in the Ministerial Wing from the Australian Federal Police?
- c) Can you provide the Committee with a matrix which outlines the number and level of security staff at the level of supervisor or higher in 2005-06?
- d) Can you provide the Committee with a matrix which outlines the number and level of security staff at the level of supervisor or higher at the current time?

Answer

- a) In 2005–06 as at Feb 2006 there were 136 (head count) security staff below the level of supervisor. As at June 2009 there are 144 (head count).
 - b) Joint House Department took over responsibility on 4 August 2003. On 1 February 2004 responsibility transferred to DPS with the amalgamation of the three former parliamentary service departments.
- c & d) The figures shown below are for supervisor and higher-level staff in the Security Operations Section as at March 2006 and June 2009. All positions with the exception of the Director and Assistant Director are uniformed positions. The table does not include the Security Planning and Administration Section, which has functions such as the Rosters Office and Pass Office, which are non-uniform, administrative functions.

POSITION	Mar 2006	June 2009
Director (non-uniformed)	1	1
Assistant Director (non-uniformed)	1	1
PSL6 (uniformed)	1	1
PSL4 (uniformed)	8	8
PSL3 (uniformed)	7	7
TOTAL	18	18