

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee —Budget Estimates May 2009

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: PSS staff numbers

Question P4, Hansard reference F&PA 19

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Senator FORSHAW—That is what I understood. You might want to take this on notice, but are you able to give the numbers of staff in that category who were here in 1996 and how that has tracked since then? How are the levels today compared to 1996?

Answer

1 In 1996, security within Parliament House was performed by staff employed by the Department of the House of Representatives and the Department of the Senate. At that time, staff performing a security role were commonly referred to as security attendants.

2 DPS does not have information on security staff numbers in 1996.

3 The full-time equivalent (FTE) number of security staff in March each year (since 2005) is listed below. These figures include part-time, casual and full-time staff, both uniformed and non uniformed.

- (i) March 2005 – 162.08;
- (ii) March 2006 – 133.20;
- (iii) March 2007 – 156.84;
- (iv) March 2008 – 154.98; and
- (v) March 2009 – 156.53.

4 The total number of uniformed security staff in June 2009 is 160. Including:

- (i) part-time - 32;
- (ii) casual - 14; and
- (iii) full-time - 114.