

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Topic: PM110a-b: Speechwriters employed by PM&C

Senator: Ronaldson

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- a) **How many people are employed in the Department as speechwriters, or whose primary duties involve the writing of speeches?**
- b) **Are all such people APS employees, or have external consultants been employed to fulfil these duties? If there are any of the latter, could the Committee be provided with details of who these contractors are and value of their contracts?**

Answer:

- a) There are two people employed in the Department whose primary duties involve the writing of speeches.
- b) The two officers are employed as APS employees.