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Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Staffing and travel expenditure

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Senator: FIFIELD

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Question:

Ms Godwin—We have 3,788—ASL—people who work in the child support program.

Senator FIFIELD—How many SES—

Mr Pratt—They are a subset of that 46 I gave you before.

Senator FIFIELD—Of the 46, what is—

Ms Godwin—I do not have the figure with me and I would be guessing, but it is around 20.

Senator FIFIELD—How many staff were employed by the CSA in 2007?

Ms Godwin—I do not have that figure with me.

Senator FIFIELD—Please take that on notice—and how many were SES band staff.

Senator FIFIELD—Could you also take on notice the breakdown of numbers from the CSA, whether any of those who separated from the CSA were replaced and the travel expenditure for CSA staff in 2008-09?

Mr Pratt—We will take that on notice.

Answer:

HS5(a):

- Child Support Program (CSP) currently has 17 SES Officers.
- At the end of the 2007-08 financial year there were 4144 staff employed by CSP.

HS5(b):

- In the 2007-08 year there were 761 separations. Of these approximately 280 terminations related to the finalisation of the CSP Scheme Reforms and Building a Better CSA Change Program. CSP is unable to accurately identify how many of the remaining 480 separations resulted in the position being refilled.
- CSP's travel expenditure during the 2008-09 financial year was approximately \$4.2 million.