

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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- a) How many staff are employed in the Office of National Security?**
- b) What is the gender breakdown of people employed in the Office?**
- c) When does the term of the current National Security Advisor expire?**

**Answer:**

- a) Total staff numbers for the National Security and International Policy Group (NSIPG) is 121 positions (including current and vacant positions) as at 6 May 2010.
- b) The total female staff employed in NSPIG equals 61 (50.4%) and total male staff equals 60 (49.6%).
- c) The position of the National Security Advisor (NSA) is appointed at the Associate Secretary level within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the position was announced by the Prime Minister on 4 December 2008.