

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES MAY 24 2010**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET**

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**Senator:** Ryan

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Given some of the previous questions that were talking about how graduates needed to come in, I just wanted to put those figures on the record and have them confirmed—that that there has already been a 12 per cent decline in the number of graduates since the government came to office. Senator Ludwig and I discussed this last time at some length.

**Senator Ludwig** - I do recall that discussion.

**Mr Sedgwick** - But I do not have the numbers in front of me, so I cannot -

**Senator Ryan** - Feel free to correct them on notice if you wish.

**Answer:**

Graduate numbers were 1,242 as at June 2007 compared with 1,114 as at June 2009, a decrease of 128. It should be noted however that some agencies engage graduates under other classifications, including the APS 3 general classification or trainee classification. Graduate APS data recorded in the Australian Public Service Employment Database (APSED) is approximate only. Compared to trend data since 1999, graduate intake in the APS has been relatively high over the last three years, peaking in June 2007. Ongoing SES for June 2007 was 2,538. There were 307 more SES as at June 2009.

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