

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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- a) Have any of the Prime Minister's staff taken stress leave?**
- b) How many people in the Office of the Prime Minister have had their employment terminated?**
- c) How many staff does the Prime Minister have based in
 - (i) Canberra; and,**
 - (ii) Brisbane?****
- d) How many staff have left the employment of the Office of the Prime Minister since December 2007?**

Answer (all responses relate to the office of the former Prime Minister, the Hon Kevin Rudd MP as at 25 May 2010):

- a) No person employed in the former Prime Minister's Office specified "stress" as the reason for leave.
- b) No employee in the former Prime Minister's Office was terminated.
- c) Of the personal staff employed in the former Prime Minister's Office at 25 May 2010:
 - (i) 43 staff had a work base in Canberra
 - (ii) 2 staff had a work base in Brisbane.
- d) Between 3 December 2007 and 25 May 2010, 42 staff left employment in the former Prime Minister's Office. This includes resignations, transfers between offices and the end of non-ongoing contracts.