

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2011

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **New security staff at APH since beginning of calendar year**

Question: **14**

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Senator HUMPHRIES: I have noticed what appear to be quite a large number of new staff in those positions. I take it that the ones who wear the grey epaulette are trainee security officers. Do you know how many new staff we have taken on since the beginning of the calendar year?

Ms Graham: I am not sure about from the beginning of the calendar year; I know we brought in 10 new casuals in April, and we are currently in the process of recruiting some part-time staff. Those are the people who assist us on sitting days. We are looking for about, I believe, another 16 in that employment category.

Answer

- 1 A total of 14 new Parliamentary Security Service (PSS) officers have commenced with DPS since the beginning of 2011. Four casual PSS officers commenced in January and 10 casual PSS officers commenced in April.