

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Outcome/Program: 1.1.4 - Support services for government operations
Topic: Budget measure to create additional positions for government and non-government parliamentarians' staff

Senator: Fifield

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Question:

Is there any rationale in addition to that provided in the budget papers; and is it as a result of any further agreement or discussion with the Independents?

Answer:

Consistent with the rationale provided in the budget papers, the Prime Minister determined that the Greens and Independents should be allocated these additional staffing resources in order to assist them in coping with the demands placed on them by the workings of the current Parliament.