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Ms Christine McDonald
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Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Ms McDonald

Correction: Budget Estimates Hearing on 24 May 2012

I am writing in relation to the appearance of the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) before the Committee on Thursday, 24 May 2012. During the consideration of Outcome 3 (Ministerial and Parliamentary Services), Senator Scott Ryan asked the Department (Hansard reference page F&PA 10) *Can I ask for a document we normally get to be tabled?*

Three sets of documents were tabled by Finance, one of which was titled, *Personal Classifications – 1 May 2012*. Under the Government heading in the document it stated that as at 1 May 2012 there were 28 Government staff with personal classifications and provided a table listing the offices where the staff were located.

Since the hearing on 24 May 2012, Finance has been advised of the allocation of one additional personal classification for a Government staff member with a date of effect prior to 1 May 2012. As a result of the receipt by Finance of this additional information, the staffing information provided by Finance in relation to Personal Classifications at the hearing on 24 May 2012 requires updating. Accordingly, a revised document titled *Personal Classifications – 1 May 2012* is attached to this letter.

It would be appreciated if you could bring the attached information to the attention of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

Jan Mason
Deputy Secretary
Asset Management and Parliamentary Services
13 June 2012

PERSONAL CLASSIFICATIONS – 1 MAY 2012**REVISED**

These staff are paid at a higher classification level than the position against which they are held.

Government

As at 1 May 2012, the 29 **Government** staff with personal classifications were located in the following offices:

OFFICE	NUMBER
The Hon Julia Gillard MP Prime Minister	2
The Hon Wayne Swan MP Treasurer (Deputy Prime Minister)	2
The Hon Simon Crean MP Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government Minister for the Arts	1
The Hon Stephen Smith MP Minister for Defence	1
The Hon Chris Bowen MP Minister for Immigration and Citizenship	2
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP Minister for Infrastructure and Transport	2
The Hon Nicola Roxon MP Attorney-General Minister for Emergency Management	1
The Hon Jenny Macklin MP Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister for Disability Reform	1
Senator the Hon Penny Wong Minister for Finance Deregulation	1
Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister Assisting on Queensland Floods Recovery	1
The Hon Martin Ferguson AM MP Minister for Resources and Energy Minister for Tourism	1
The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP Minister for Health	1

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OFFICE	NUMBER
The Hon Bill Shorten MP Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation	1
Senator the Hon Kim Carr Minister for Human Services	5
The Hon Jason Clare MP Minister for Home Affairs Minister for Justice Minister for Defence Materiel	3
The Hon David Bradbury MP Assistant Treasurer Minister Assisting for Deregulation	1
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Careers Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister	1
Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations	1
The Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP Cabinet Secretary Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Parliamentary Secretary for Industry and Innovation	1

The personal classifications are at the following levels (number of staff):

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER
Assistant Adviser	3
Adviser	9
Senior Media Adviser	2
Senior Adviser 1 (non-Cabinet)	1
Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet)	10
Chief of Staff (Cabinet)	3
Principal Adviser	1

Opposition

As at 1 May 2012, the one **Opposition** staff member with a personal classification was located in the following office:

OFFICE	NUMBER
The Hon Tony Abbott MP Leader of the Opposition	1

The personal classification is at the following level (number of staff):

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER
Adviser	1

Non-Government

As at 1 May 2012, there were nil **non-Government** staff members with a personal classification.