Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Question: F10

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Topic: MOP(S) Employees

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Senator Faulkner asked:

Are you able to quickly identify where we find the extra five?

Answer:

The attached table showing the number of employees under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* with personal classifications at 1 October 2005, handed out at the Estimates hearing, has been amended to show the variance from 1 May 2005.

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PERSONAL CLASSIFICATIONS

As at 1 October 2005 the 33 **Government** staff with personal classifications (including twelve (12) Special Advisers) were located in the following offices:

OFFICE HOLDER	NUMBER OF STAFF	VARIANCE FROM 1 MAY 2005
Prime Minister	3	+2
Deputy Prime Minister	2	
Treasurer	1	-1
Minister for Defence	1	
Minister for Foreign Affairs	1	
Minister for Health and Ageing	2	+1
Attorney-General	1	+1
Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	1	
Minister for Education, Science and Training	1	
Minister for Family and Community Services	2	
Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations	1	-1
Minister for the Environment and Heritage	3	
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	1	+1
Minister for Justice and Customs	3	
Minister for the Arts and Sport	2	+1
Minister for Human Services	1	+1
Minister for Vocational and Technical Education	1	
Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads	1	
Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs	1	+1
Parliamentary Secretary for Trade	1	+1
Government Members Secretariat	3	
Minister for Trade	0	-1
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate	0	-1

The Personal Classifications are at the following levels (number of staff):

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER OF STAFF	VARIANCE FROM 1 MAY 2005
Senior Adviser Level 1	3	
Special Adviser	12	+3
Adviser	10	+1
Assistant Adviser	8	+1

4 of these staff are paid at a lower classification level than the position against which they are held and 29 are paid at a higher classification level.

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As at 1 October 2005 the eight 8 **non-Government** staff with personal classifications were located in the following offices.

OFFICE HOLDER	NUMBER OF STAFF	VARIANCE FROM 1 MAY 2005
Leader of the Opposition	2	
Former Leader of the Opposition	1	
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate	1	
Shadow Minister for Housing, Urban Development and Local Government and Territories	1	+1
Opposition Senate Whip	1	
Senator for Queensland	1	+1
Senator for Victoria	1	+1
Shadow Minister for Public Administration and Open Government; Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation; and the Arts	0	-1
Deputy Leader of the Australian Democrats	0	-1

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

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER OF STAFF	VARIANCE FROM 1 MAY 2005
Special Adviser	0	-1
Media Adviser	1	+1
Adviser Level 1	3	+1
Assistant Adviser	2	
Executive Assistant Level 3	1	
Executive Assistant Level 1	1	

All of these staff are paid at a higher classification level.