

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

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Topic: Ministerial Office – the Hon John Cobb MP, Minister for Community Services, Member for Parkes

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Senator Faulkner asked:

Are you able to tell me in relation to the minister's ministerial staff how many have Dubbo as a home base? Could you take that on notice, please. Could you also take on notice the salary classification or band classification of those staff? Are there any special guidelines that apply to the establishment of ministerial offices outside capital cities?

Answer:

One staff member, a Senior Adviser 1 (non-Cabinet), has a home base of Dubbo.

A Minister may, with the approval of the Special Minister of State, establish a combined Ministerial/Electorate office within his or her electorate.