

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Question: PM 14

Outcome 1

Topic: Staff increases in the public service

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Senator Ray asked: Senator ROBERT RAY – I suppose you could put your finance hat on here, Senator. In how many other elements of the Public Service do you think that staffing has increased as it has in ministerial staffing, from 292 in 1996 – in a fanfare of saying how modest you were – to 446 in June this year?

Answer: As with ministerial staff, public service resources are allocated to particular outputs reflecting government resource needs.

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