

**Finance and Public Administration Legislative Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Australian Public Service Commission**

Estimates 2006-07 – Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2006

**Question: PM 52**

**Topic: Employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the APS**

**Senator Siewert asked:**

1. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are currently employed in the APS?
2. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been employed in the APS each year over the last 5 years?
3. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are currently employed in ICCs?
4. What percentage of the total number of people employed in ICCs is this?

**Answer:**

1. At June 2006, there were 2750 ongoing employees in the APS who had identified themselves as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
2. The following table shows the number of ongoing employees in the APS who had identified themselves as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, at 30 June for the period 2002 to 2006.

<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
2863	3005	2934	2775	2750

3. The Australian Public Service Commission does not collect data on whether employees in relevant agencies are employed in ICCs.
4. See answer to Question 3.