

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Ray asked: Senator ROBERT RAY – I would think even an eight to four ratio would be a lot fairer. But what I am offering from an opposition point of view is to take them out of the total establishment figures so it does not appear that you have got so many, because really these are not for partisanship reasons; this is for cooperation –

Senator Minchin – To help the parliament work, sure.

Senator ROBERT RAY – in the chamber. We always get a negative response to that, but I would like at least your considered response.

Senator Minchin – Yes.

Answer: The issues raised are under consideration.