

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 8

Outcome 1

Topic: Staff

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Senator Ray asked: Senator ROBERT RAY—While we are on the question of staffing, the government members secretariat has now grown to 12, including two senior advisers, five advisers, four assistant advisers and one admin assistant—compared to a secretariat of six assistant advisers under the Hawke-Keating government. Can we be provided with a reason for this growth and top-heaviness in staff?

Senator Minchin—Okay.

Answer:

The Prime Minister determines the number and level of staffing within the government members secretariat (GMS).

GMS staffing is included in the total Government staff establishment.

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