

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2008

Department of Finance and Deregulation

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Topic: Changes in Government Personal Staff and Departmental Liaison Officers (DLOs)

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Senator Ronaldson asked:

Can you also provide the committee with a breakdown of personal staff and DLO staff that have commenced and ceased employment from 5 December 2007 to today's date?

Answer:

In the period 5 December 2007 to 21 October 2008, 270 MOP(S) Act employees commenced as government personal staff and 65 MOP(S) Act employees ceased employment as government personal staff. The figures include employees who were engaged on an ongoing, non-ongoing or temporary transfer basis to enable a smooth transition to government, as well as employees who were promoted/transferred from or to electorate officer positions. The figures do not include employees who were promoted/transferred from non-government personal to government personal staff positions following the election. The attached tables provide a breakdown by office and by classification.

In relation to DLOs, the question needs to be directed to each Minister as the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) is only able to provide information relating to Finance DLOs in its portfolio Ministers' offices. During the period 5 December 2007 to 21 October 2008, there was one change in Finance DLO staff in the office of the Minister for Finance and Deregulation.

In addition, between 6 December 2007 and 10 March 2008, Finance provided four departmental staff to the office of the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and two staff to the office of the Special Minister of State on a short-term basis to assist in establishing their Ministerial offices following the change of Government.

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Table 1 – Commencements/Cessations of Government Personal Staff by Office
5 December 2007 to 21 October 2008

Office	Commencements	Cessations
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP	9	2
The Hon Chris Bowen MP	4	2
The Hon Tony Burke MP	8	1
The Hon Anthony Byrne MP	2	-
Senator the Hon Kim Carr	6	1
CCSTU	10	-
The Hon Greg Combet MP	2	-
Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy	6	-
The Hon Simon Crean MP	6	2
The Hon Bob Debus MP	7	3
The Hon Justine Elliot MP	9	5
The Hon Kate Ellis MP	4	3
The Hon Dr Craig Emerson MP	4	1
Senator the Hon Chris Evans	10	2
Senator the Hon John Faulkner	7	1
The Hon Laurie Ferguson MP	1	-
The Hon Martin Ferguson MP	7	1
The Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP	9	2
The Hon Peter Garrett MP	7	-
The Hon Julia Gillard MP	15	7
The Hon Gary Gray MP	4	1

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Office	Commencements	Cessations
The Hon Alan Griffin MP	9	4
The Hon Dr Mike Kelly MP	3	-
The Hon Duncan Kerr MP	2	-
Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig	8	3
The Hon Jenny Macklin MP	8	1
The Hon Robert McClelland MP	9	1
The Hon Maxine McKew MP	3	1
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas	2	-
The Hon Bob McMullan MP	1	-
The Hon John Murphy MP	1	-
The Hon Brendan O'Connor MP	5	1
The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP	3	-
The Hon Nicola Roxon MP	8	2
The Hon Kevin Rudd MP	29	12
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry	5	-
The Hon Bill Shorten MP	2	1
The Hon Stephen Smith MP	6	1
The Hon Warren Snowden MP	4	-
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens	2	2
The Hon Wayne Swan MP	8	1
The Hon Lindsay Tanner MP	8	1
Senator the Hon Penny Wong	7	-
Total	270	65

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Table 2 – Commencements/Cessations of Government Personal Staff by classification
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Classification	Commencements	Cessations
Senior Adviser 2	3	1
Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet)	3	4
Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff) (Cabinet)	9	2
Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff) (non-Cabinet)	11	4
Senior Media Adviser	14	2
Media Adviser	9	1
Adviser	54	12
Assistant Adviser	74	13
Executive Assistant/Office Manager	49	18
Secretary/Administrative Assistant	44	8
Total	270	65