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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Ryan asked: Presumably, if they are recruited from another branch of the public service, being state or Commonwealth, you would have information on where they came from to go through that merit selection process?

Mr Mrdak-Certainly. When I say the merit selection process, if people are being recruited into the department not from another agency, there would be some people who would transfer at level who may not have been through a full process-they transfer at level for particular skills-but in most situations they would go through that process. You are asking for details of the agencies from which they have come?

Senator RYAN-If they transfer at level, is that only within the Australian Public Service and the ACT or does that apply also to the various states?

Mr Mrdak-No, it generally applies to the Australian public service.

Senator RYAN-For appointments at that band and above that have been made since Mr Moran took up his position, is it possible to outline how many such officers have been appointed from within the state public services?

Mr Mrdak-I will take that on notice.

Answer: The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet has interpreted the reference to band as Executive Level 2 and above. Since Mr Moran has taken up the position of Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, there have been 34 appointments at the Executive Level 2 and above. Of those 34 appointments, four have been appointed from State Public Services.