

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2009

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Outcome 3, Program 3.1

Topic: Ministerial Staff membership of Qantas Club

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Senator Ronaldson asked:

How many Ministerial staff have membership of the Qantas Club paid for by the Department? In which Ministerial office(s) are they located?

Answer:

As at 20 October 2009, the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) has paid for eight *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (MOP(S) Act) employees' current memberships of the Qantas Club. This includes five MOP(S) Act employees who are employed by Ministers within the Finance portfolio (three within the office of the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and two within the office of the Special Minister of State). The remaining three MOP(S) Act employees are employed by the Leader of the Opposition.