

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 October 2009 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Departmental Liaison Officers

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Senator: Scullion

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Question:

Senator SCULLION—Would you be able to just provide me with the three [departmental liaison officer] roles and which ones have changed or how many times they have changed. That would be useful.

Mr Pratt—Yes.

Answer:

As at 20 October 2009, there were three Human Services Portfolio Departmental Liaison Officers (DLO) working in the Office of the Minister for Human Services:

- the Department of Human Services (DHS) DLO who has been in place since shortly after the 2007 election and is due to rotate out of the office in the near future;
- the current DHS (Child Support) DLO who has been in place since May 2009. The previous DLO was in place from the election in 2007 until May 2009 and rotated out of the role at the end of the placement term; and
- the current Centrelink DLO who has been in place since November 2008. The previous DLO was in place from the election in 2007 until November 2008 and rotated out of the role at the end of the placement term.