

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

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

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Staffing

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Senator: Scullion

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Question:

Senator SCULLION—How many staff does DHS and its agencies have seconded from other areas of government to come into DHS?

Ms Hartland—We will have to take that on notice.

Senator SCULLION—When you provide that detail, I wonder if you could provide me a list of where the staff come from and what level they are at—and, when they come over to DHS, whether or not, if they are at a higher level, they retain their pay level in DHS or fit in some other way. I am happy for you to take that on notice.

Answer:

As at 16 December 2009.

Department of Human Services (DHS) – including the Child Support Program

Substantive Department/Agency	Substantive Level	Level whilst on secondment
Medicare Australia	SES1	SES1
Medicare Australia	SES1	SES1
Medicare Australia	EL2	EL2
Medicare Australia	EL1	EL1
Medicare Australia	EL1	EL1
Medicare Australia	APS6	APS6
Medicare Australia	APS6	APS6
Medicare Australia	APS5	APS5
Medicare Australia	APS5	A/g APS6
Medicare Australia	EL2	EL2
Centrelink	SES1	SES1
Centrelink	EL2	EL2
Centrelink	EL1	A/g EL2
Centrelink	EL1	EL1

The secondee will be paid commensurate with the level of their responsibilities at DHS. If a secondee would have been paid at a higher level in their previous agency for work at the same classification level in DHS, their salary will be maintained. If a secondee is performing duties at a higher classification level in DHS, their salary level will align with DHS salary ranges.

CRS Australia

Nil.

Centrelink

The identification of employees, on secondment or temporary transfer arrangements, would require a manual inspection of Centrelink's HR system. The effort required to undertake this work is prohibitive and therefore Centrelink is unable to provide a detailed response to the question.

Medicare Australia

Nil.

Australian Hearing

Nil.