

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department of Finance and Deregulation

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Senator Cormann asked:

- a) How many Government ministerial staff separations there have been since 23 June 2010, and from whose offices that they have come from?
- b) Can you please provide the number of vacancies in personal staff positions in ministerial offices as of today's date?
- c) Can you please provide the number of ministerial staff that have not yet submitted security clearance forms?

Answer:

- a) Please refer to F18(e).
- b) Please refer to F18(d).
- c) From 1 October 2010, the Australian Government Security Vetting Agency within the Department of Defence became responsible for the processing of Top Secret security clearances.