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Senator Cormann asked:

I have just a few quick questions in relation to the Caucus Committee Support and Training Unit (CCSTU). Answers given at previous estimates indicate that the size of the CCSTU has been increased. Has that fifth position been made permanent?

Can you then review your previous answer to a previous estimates question, where there was an indication that the size had been increased, and advise us for how long that person operated in that position? Was any new or additional equipment provided to the CCSTU between May 2010 and the election?

Answer:

The information provided at the previous estimates was correct. At that time there were five positions in the CCSTU.

In July 2010 the number was reduced to four, but following the swearing in of the new Government on 14 September it was re-adjusted to five. As at 19 October 2010, no formal appointments had been made to CCSTU positions.

No new or additional equipment was provided to the CCSTU in the period between May 2010 and the 2010 Election.