

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2010-2011**  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Department/Agency:** Australian Public Service Commission

**Outcome/Output Group:** 1.1

**Topic:** Administrative Arrangements Orders

**Senator:** Abetz

**Question reference number:** PM 129

- a) Can you detail what changes have occurred in your portfolio as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 September 2010.
- I. Were there any costs associated with these changes (for example changes to departmental signage or whether refurbishment or additional space will need to be leased to accommodate new staff. Alternatively, will agencies be left with empty office space due to loss of staff). Please provide details
  - II. Were there any staff changes as a result (staff transferring to or from your agency)? If yes, please detail what the staff changes were, including a breakdown of changes to each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band
- b) Were there any changes in your portfolio as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 October 2010.
- I. Were there any costs associated with these changes (for example changes to departmental signage). Please provide details.
  - II. Were there any staff changes as a result (staff transferring to or from your agency)? If yes, please detail what the staff changes were, including a breakdown of changes to each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band.
- c) Can you describe what, if any, Administrative Arrangements Orders occurred in your portfolio between November 2007 and July 2010? Please detail the costs associated with these.

**Type of question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 3 December 2010

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**Answer:**

- a) Responsibility for the Remuneration Tribunal Secretariat transferred from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) to the Commission.
- I. Prior to the Administrative Arrangements Orders of 14 September 2010 the Remuneration Tribunal Secretariat was scheduled in December 2010 to relocate from the Canberra Airport precinct to Canberra City as part of DEEWR's property consolidation strategy. DEEWR reassessed its future accommodation requirements

and it was agreed that funding applicable to the Secretariat's accommodation requirements would be transferred to the Commission with no net change in the Government's fiscal outcome.

II. Six staff transferred to the Commission, 1 x SES Band 1, 2 x EL 2, 1 x EL 1, 1 x APS 5, 1 x APS 3

b) No

c) In the 4 May 2010 AAO responsibility for the Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal Secretariat and government employment workplace relations functions was transferred from DEEWR to the Commission. The date of effect, as agreed between agency heads, was 1 July 2010. Given the small nature of this change there were minimal costs associated with the MOG change.