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Senator: Ryan

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Question:

[In relation to ten new government and non-government staff announced in Budget Paper No. 2, on page 199]:

- (a) Which officers have received the extra staff allocation on the government side, whether or not they were allocated to a particular unit, being the caucus training and support unit or the implementation unit that you just discussed with Senator Abetz?
- (b) How many staff will be employed on the non-government side? I would appreciate that being broken down by the Independents individually and by the opposition, and if they have been allocated to the Independents when the allocation was made and when someone was employed in that capacity.

Answer:

- (a) An additional personal staff position was allocated to Senator Faulkner on 17 November 2010, in his capacity as a former Leader of the Opposition in the Senate who held that office for a period greater than five years. The first employment against Senator Faulkner's personal staff position commenced on 6 December 2010.
- (b) In addition to the position allocated to Senator Faulkner, a total of nine additional personal staff positions were allocated to the Australian Greens and Members of Parliament not affiliated with a major party, as shown in the table below:

Affiliation	Senator or Member	Date allocated	Net positions	Date of first employment against position(s)
Australian Greens	Senator Brown as party leader	27 February 2011	2	27 February 2011
Independent	Mr Oakeshott	25 October 2010	1	25 October 2010
Independent	Mr Windsor	25 October 2010	1	25 October 2010
Independent	Mr Wilkie	25 October 2010	1	2 November 2010

Affiliation	Senator or Member	Date allocated	Net positions	Date of first employment against position(s)
Independent	Mr Katter	24 November 2010	1	4 January 2011
Independent	Mr Crook	1 March 2011	3	1 March 2011