

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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**Question No. 31**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:**

How many additional staff, including total cost, have been hired since the Budget in the following areas:

- (a) offshore maritime security initiatives
- (b) free trade agreements
- (c) regional counter terrorism

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

The Office of International Law has created a new Security Section since the Budget, comprising one Principal Legal Officer, one Senior Legal Officer, and three Legal Officers. The Section is responsible for both the offshore maritime security initiatives and regional counter terrorism work. The total staffing cost for the 05-06 year is \$442,000.

The Office has also created a new section dealing with free trade agreements, comprising one Principal Legal Officer, one Senior Legal Officer, and two Legal Officers. The total staffing cost for the 05-06 year is \$360,000.

The creation of the two new sections was part of an overall restructure of the Office, involving the movement of existing staff as well as the creation of new positions.