

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 20 November 2013**

**Question: E13-055**

**OUTCOME:** 0 – Whole of Portfolio

**Topic:** Ministerial Office Security Classifications

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Question:**

- a) How many seconded departmental officers acting in ministerial offices, including DLOs have security clearances?
- b) At what level?
- c) If not, why not?

**Answer:**

- a) Departmental officers acting in ministerial offices, including Departmental Liaison Officers, hold security clearances.
- b) Departmental officers hold Baseline Vetting and Negative Vetting Level 1, and processes are underway to upgrade the security clearance of officers currently working in ministerial offices to Negative Vetting Level 2.
- c) Not applicable.