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Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Urquhart asked:

What are the funding arrangements for the Minister's offices and the Parliamentary Secretary's office.

Is there a specific budget for each office. Or, has a specific funding allocation been set aside within the department to meet the costs of operating the ministerial offices in the portfolio.

Are there administrative arrangements that apply to these budgets. Provide details of those administrative arrangements.

Do the same rules apply to the Parliamentary Secretary.

Answer:

The Department of Finance and the portfolio department fund the Minister's offices and the Parliamentary Secretary's office. The Entitlements Handbooks on the Department of Finance website outlines the respective responsibilities and the link is provided below.

http://maps.finance.gov.au/entitlements_handbooks/index.html