

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0025\_14**

**Senator Carr provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Public servants stationed to the Minister's office**

What changes have there been to public servants stationed in the Minister's office since the election? Please provide details of the level and role of such people stationed in the Minister's office.

**Answer**

As is usual practice Departmental Liaison Officers are in place in the portfolio Ministers' and Parliamentary Secretary offices.

In line with the Department of Finance Handbook *Ministers of State Entitlements – June 2013*, the department has provided temporary staff, ranging from APS Level 4 to Executive Level 2, to ministerial offices to assist new ministers with the set-up of their offices and to provide relief. The roles undertaken by departmental staff include relief receptionist, temporary Departmental Liaison Officer and acting adviser roles.