

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

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

**Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0059\_14**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Ministerial office security classifications**

- 1) What is the policy for ministerial staff security clearances?
- 2) How many staffers employed by the government under the MOPS Act have security clearances?
  - a. At what level?
  - b. If not, why not?
- 3) How many seconded departmental officers acting in ministerial offices, including DLOs have security clearances?
  - a. At what level?
  - b. If not, why not

**Answer**

1) and 2) The Department of Finance has responsibility for the employment arrangements of ministerial staff appointed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*.

3) All seconded departmental officers providing relief in portfolio ministerial offices and Departmental Liaison Officers have security clearances. Security clearance levels range from baseline to Negative Vetting Level 1.