

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee:  
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2014–15  
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio  
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<b>Department</b>	Parliamentary Budget Office
<b>Topic</b>	Ministerial staff code
<b>Senator</b>	Senator Ludwig
<b>Question reference number</b>	146
<b>Type of question</b>	Written

**Question**

- 1 Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department?
  - a If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level.
  - b If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not?
  - c If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?
  
- 2 Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct?
  - a If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level?
  - b How long have they worked for the Minister?
  
- 3 Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment?
  - a If not, on what date did they comply?
  
- 4 Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee?
  - a If so, on what date were those disclosure made?
  
- 5 By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee.
  
- 6 Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment.
  
- 7 Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level?

**Answer**

Not applicable.