

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

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Question: **186**
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Senator FAULKNER: As I read the answers to questions on notice 3 and 4, we have got 15 trainee editors among the—

Ms Mills: Fifty-seven editors.

Senator FAULKNER: It is 15 out of 57?

Ms Mills: Yes.

Senator FAULKNER: Is that a very high proportion of staff at the level of trainee?

Ms Mills: I would have to take advice on that.

Answer

The proportion of trainee to trained editors varies over time for a variety of reasons. While personnel records make historical comparisons difficult, the current proportion of trainee to trained editors is higher than in the previous two years. This is due to the number of editors ceasing employment with DPS over the past two years as they, for instance, retire or take up other employment opportunities.