

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee:  
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2014–15  
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<b>Department</b>	Parliamentary Budget Office
<b>Topic</b>	Staff
<b>Senator</b>	Senator Bernardi
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**Question**

- 1 Last Estimates you advised the Committee that the PBO had 36 permanent staff – seven of which are at the Senior Executive Level.
  - a Has this changed? If yes, provide details.
  - b How many staff positions are you funded for (previously Mr Bowen has said the PBO 2013-14 allows for the employment of 40 staff)?

**Answer**

- 1 a The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) has had six Senior Executive Service (SES) level staff since 7 January 2013 and remains unchanged. The Parliamentary Budget Officer is an independent statutory office holder and is not classified as an SES officer.

As at 31 May 2014, the PBO had 34 staff due to two cessations. Recruitment action to fill these vacancies has occurred with new staff commencing in late June and July.
- b The PBO is funded for approximately 39-40 staff.