



**THE SENATE
SENATE FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**The operation, effectiveness, and consequences of the PGPA (Location of
Corporate Commonwealth Entities) Order 2016
Public Hearing – Friday 19 May 2017
Questions Taken on Notice – Northern Rivers Organisation of Councils**

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CHAIR: Do you have any sense of what the overall employment numbers have been in the public service in your area over recent years? As background, I should indicate that we have asked for these numbers from the Public Service Commissioner and they were unable to provide them today. I am interested in local information about the overall levels of public service employment in regional Australia.

Councillor Mulholland: It is not a question I can answer straight up, but I am happy to find out for you and provide that information.

Information I have for the Page Electorate is that there are 175 people in the Australian Public Service. Other information from the ABS suggests there could be around 560 federal employees in the Richmond-Tweed area although this is difficult to confirm.