

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**Senator:** Farrell, Don

**Question:**

Senator FARRELL: ASADA's July to December 2016 file list includes a file about advice on general staffing information from the department and one about an MOU with the Australian Public Service Commission.

- a) Could you explain what that advice was and what the MOU is? Ms Perdikogiannis: I would have to take the advice part of the question on notice. Regarding the MOU, the Public Service Commission enters into MOUs with Australian government agencies for the provision of its services. We pay an amount, which is based on our staffing level as calculated by the APSC each year, and that amount buys us a suite of services from the Australian Public Service Commission. Senator FARRELL: Like what? Ms Perdikogiannis: Things like training and general information provision. I do not have the MOU with me, so I cannot give you the specifics of the services.
- b) Senator FARRELL: But you could make that available to us? Ms Perdikogiannis: I could certainly take that on notice and make it available.

**Answer:**

- a) HUMAN RESOURCES (PERSONNEL) - Advice - General Staffing Information from Portfolio Department

The advice relates to correspondence from the Secretary of the Department of Health to the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) Chief Executive Officer seeking confirmation that ASADA staffing levels will be managed within the agreed Average Staffing Level cap for the 2016–17 financial year.

- b) HUMAN RESOURCES (PERSONNEL) - Agreements – Memorandum of Understandings (MOU's) between ASADA and the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC)

The MOU between the APSC and ASADA is at Attachment A. The MOU relates to the APSC's provision of Australian Public Service (APS) leadership and learning services, and APS remuneration surveys to ASADA for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2019.