

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Ministerial Staff Code

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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

The Special Minister of State will answer on behalf of all agencies.