Question No: 599

Program No: Change Team

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Department restructure

Senator Urquhart asked:

1. The Committee was advised that the new Department structure has six divisions. There are three units in policy areas; one is on infrastructure, one on digital productivity and one focused on consumer and content issues. There are additionally three whole of Department group; the bureau of communication research, the office of the general council and the corporate division that has the usual range of corporate functions. What level of SES officer will head each group?
2. How many staff will be allocated to each of the six organisational groups?

Answer: The table below lists the level of SES officer that leads each division. In addition, the Department has a Deputy Secretary Strategy who does not have direct oversight of a division. This comes into effect on 1 September 2014.

Division	SES Level
Infrastructure	Deputy Secretary (SES Band 3)
Consumer and Content	First Assistant Secretary (SES Band 2)
Digital Productivity	First Assistant Secretary (SES Band 2)
Bureau of Communications Research	First Assistant Secretary (SES Band 2)
Corporate	First Assistant Secretary (SES Band 2)
Office of the General Counsel	First Assistant Secretary (SES Band 2)

The table below lists the number of staff allocated to each area in the Department.

Division	Staff
Secretary and Executive Assistant	2
Infrastructure	104
Content and Consumer	81

Digital Productivity	68
Bureau of Communications Research	20
Corporate	96
Office of the General Counsel	22
Strategy	3
Department*	**396**

* Excludes 2015 Graduate Program (seven positions)