

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: Have any departmental officers been seconded to the minister's office or the office of the parliamentary secretary?

Ms Wiley-Smith: I will have to take that on notice.

Senator URQUHART: Can you also take on notice to provide the details of those appointments, how they were made and whether they are temporary or permanent.

Ms Wiley-Smith: Certainly

Answer:

In accordance with the provision of the *Ministers of State Entitlements Handbook of January 2006*, Departments may provide relief staff for a period of up to three months to Parliamentary offices. As at 17 June 2015, five departmental officers have provided temporary administrative support, typically for periods of less than one week, in the 2014-2015 financial year.