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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: McAllister

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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: You may wish to take some of these questions on notice. I do not expect you to have this information with you this evening. I am hoping that you will be able to table an updated government staffing profile.

Senator Cormann: We will take that on notice.

Senator McALLISTER: In particular, I am looking for the total number, how many are assigned to each office, the classifications for personnel and any non-standard home or work cases. Minister Cormann, in general are you able to provide any advice about what changes to the government staffing profile have occurred since the change—

Senator Cormann: In general, no.

Senator McALLISTER: I have asked Ms Halton to provide a detailed list. I am interested to know whether the number of staff provided to the government has increased significantly or decreased since the change of prime ministership.

Senator Cormann: In general, I do not believe so, but let me make sure that the answer is right on the specifics. Given that Ms Halton has already taken the question on notice, I think that is probably the best way to deal with that.

Senator LUDWIG: And in that, how many there are in the PMO's office and whether that has changed.

Senator Cormann: If we provide you with the government staffing profile I think that that will cover the PMO.

Ms Halton: We have done that before. That is fine.

Answer:

A detailed breakdown of Personal Positions as at 1 February 2016 is at [Attachment A](#).

As at 1 February 2016 there were 26 approved non-standard work bases across Government, Opposition and Non-Government offices. Due to the very small numbers in each office and the possibility of individuals being identified, it would not be appropriate to provide further information.

Government

Personal Positions as at 1 February 2016

ATTACHMENT A

PORTFOLIO	Name	Principal Adviser	Chief of Staff 2	Senior Adviser 3	Senior Adviser 2	Chief of Staff 1	Senior Adviser 1	Senior Media Adviser 3	Senior Media Adviser 1	Media Adviser	Adviser	Assistant Adviser	Exec Assistant / Office Manager	Secretary / Admin Assist	Total
Prime Minister	*Mr Turnbull	4		4	9		8			3	9	10	5	1	53
Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development (Deputy Prime Minister)	*Mr Truss	1		1	2				1		5	5	1	2	18
Minister for Foreign Affairs	*Ms J Bishop		1	1	1				1		4	3	3	1	15
Attorney-General (Leader of the Government in the Senate)	*Sen Brandis		1		3				1		4	1	1	1	12
Treasurer	*Mr Morrison	1		1	2				1		3	4	2	1	15
Minister for Finance (Deputy Leader of Government in the Senate)	*Sen Cormann		1		2				1		4	3	2	1	14
Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources	*Mr Joyce		1		2		1		1		3	2	3	1	14
Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science (Leader of the House)	*Mr Pyne		1		3				1		4	3	2	1	15
Minister for Immigration and Border Protection	*Mr Dutton		1		3				1		4	3	1	1	14
Minister for the Environment	*Mr Hunt		1		2				1		3	3	1	1	12
Minister for Health Minister for Aged Care Minister for Sport	*Ms Ley		1		1				1		6	1	1	1	12
Minister for Defence	*Ms Payne		1		2				1		3	2	3	1	13
Minister for Communications Minister for the Arts Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Digital Government (Manager of Government Business in the Senate)	*Sen Fifield		1		2		2			1	2	1	1	1	11
Minister for Employment Minister for Women Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service	*Ms Cash		1		2				1		3	2	1	1	11
Minister for Social Services	*Mr Porter		1		2				1		3	1	1	2	11
Minister for Education and Training	*Sen Birmingham		1		2				1		3	3	2	1	13

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Minister for Indigenous Affairs	*Sen Scullion		1		1				1		2	2	1	1	9
Cabinet Secretary	*Sen Sinodinos		1	1	2		1		1		2	2	1	1	12
Minister for Resources, Energy and Northern Australia	*Mr Frydenberg		1		2				1		3	2	2	1	12
Minister for Trade and Investment	*Mr Robb		1		2				1		3	2	1	1	11
Minister for Small Business Assistant Treasurer	*Ms O'Dwyer		1		2				1		3	4		1	12
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Counter Terrorism Minister for Justice	Mr Keenan					1				1	4	1	2		9
Minister Territories, Local Government and Major Projects	Mr Fletcher					1				1	3	1	1		7
Minister for International Development and the Pacific	Mr Ciobo					1				1	3	1	1		7
Minister for Tourism and International Education Minister Assisting the Minister for Trade and Investment	Sen Colbeck					1				1	3	1	1		7
Special Minister of State Minister for Defence Materiel and Science	#					1	1			1	3	2	1		9
Minister for Rural Health	Sen Nash					1				1	3	1	1		7
Minister for Veterans' Affairs Minister for Human Services Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC	Mr Robert					1	1			1	3	1	1		8
Minister for Vocational Education and Skills (Deputy Leader of the House)	Mr Hartsuyker					1				1	3	1	1		7
Total		6	18	8	49	8	14		19	12	101	68	44	23	370

* Indicates Cabinet Minister

The Hon Mal Brough MP standing aside from portfolio responsibilities from 29.12.15, however his personal staff allocation remains in place. The Hon Mal Brough MP has authorised Senator Marise Payne, Senator Mathias Cormann and his Chief of Staff to exercise powers on his behalf in relation to his personal staff.

Assistant Ministers		Principal Adviser	Chief of Staff 2	Senior Adviser 3	Senior Adviser 2	Chief of Staff 1	Senior Adviser 1	Senior Media Adviser 3	Senior Media Adviser 1	Media Adviser	Adviser	Assistant Adviser	Exec Assistant / Office Manager	Secretary / Admin Assist	Total
Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister	Mr Tudge										1	1			2
Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister	Mr McGrath										1	1			2
Assistant Minister for Productivity	Dr Hendy										1	1			2
Assistant Cabinet Secretary	Sen Ryan										1	1			2
Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister	Mr McCormack										1	1			2
Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs	Sen Fierravanti-Wells										1	1			2
Assistant Minister to the Treasurer	Mr Hawke										1	1			2
Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources	Ms Ruston										1	1			2
Assistant Minister for Science	Ms Andrews										1	1			2
Assistant Minister for Innovation	Mr Roy										1	1			2
Assistant Minister for Health	Mr Wyatt										1	1			2
Assistant Minister for Defence	Mr Chester										2	1			3
Total											13	12			25
Special Units of Government	Reports to														
Tax White Paper Unit	Mr Morrison			1					1		2	1			5
Coalition Advisory Service	Ms Marino		1				1				5	5			12
Total for Special Units			1	1			1		1		7	6			17
SUMMARY															
Total Allocated		6	19	9	49	8	15		20	12	121	86	44	23	412
Unallocated pool															8
TOTAL GOVERNMENT POOL POSITIONS (including Unallocated)															420
Other	Name														
Chairman of the Northern Australia Oversight Committee	Sen Macdonald											1			1
Special Envoy for Citizenship and Community Engagement	Mr Ruddock											1			1
Chairman Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia	Mr Entsch											1			1
Total for Other												3			3
GRAND TOTAL (including allocated & unallocated Government Pool positions)															423

Personal Positions as at 1 February 2016

Opposition

Office	Chief of Staff 2	Senior Adviser 2	Senior Adviser 1	Senior Media Adviser 1	Media Adviser	Adviser	Assistant Adviser	Executive Assistant	Secretary / Admin Assist	Total
Leader of the Opposition	1	1	10	2	1	6	3	4	4	32
Deputy Leader of the Opposition			1	1	1		2		1	6
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate			1	1	1	1	1	1		6
Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate				2		1		1		4
Shadow Ministers			2	1	2	18	11	6	1	41
TOTAL	1	1	14	7	5	26	17	12	6	89

Personal Positions as at 1 February 2016

Whips				
Government Whips	Assistant Adviser	Exec Assistant / Office Manager	Secretary / Admin Assist	Total
Chief Government Whip in the House of Representatives	2	1		3
Government Whip in the House of Representatives			1	1
Government Whip in the House of Representatives			1	1
Nationals' Whip in the House of Representatives		1		1
Government Whip in the Senate	1		1	2
TOTAL	3	2	3	8
Opposition Whips	Assistant Adviser	Executive Assistant	Secretary / Admin Assist	Total
Opposition Whips in the House of Representatives	2		1	3
Opposition Whips in the Senate		2		2
TOTAL	2	2	1	5
Australian Greens Whip	Adviser	Assistant Adviser	Executive Assistant	Total
Leader of the Australian Greens		1		1
Australian Greens Whip in the Senate				
TOTAL		1		1

Australian Greens

Senator or Member	Senior Adviser 1	Adviser	Assistant Adviser	Executive Assistant	Total
Leader of the Australian Greens	3	2	4	2	11
Deputy Leader of the Australian Greens					
Deputy Leader of the Australian Greens					
Senator for Western Australia (R Siewert)		1			1
Member for Melbourne (A Bandt)		1			1
TOTAL	3	4	4	2	13

Parliamentarians Not Affiliated with a Major Political Party

Senator or Member	Assistant Adviser	Executive Assistant	Secretary / Admin Assist	Total
Senator B Day	2	1		3
Hon R Katter MP	1			1
Senator J Lambie	2	1		3
Senator G Lazarus	2	1		3
Senator D Leyonhjelm	2	1		3
Senator J Madigan	2	1		3
Ms C McGowan MP	1			1
Senator R Muir	2	1		3
Mr C Palmer MP	1			1
Senator Z Wang	2	1		3
Mr A Wilkie	1			1
Senator N Xenophon	2	1		3
TOTAL	20	8		28

Former Prime Ministers and Leaders

Former Prime Minister in Parliament	Senior Adviser 1	Assistant Adviser	Total
The Hon A Abbott MP	1	1	2
TOTAL Senior Adviser = non-ongoing position	1	1	2

Other Former Leaders	Adviser	Assistant Adviser	Total
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz - (former Leader of the Government in the Senate)		1	1
TOTAL		1	1

Former Prime Ministers no longer in Parliament	Adviser	Assistant Adviser	Executive Assistant	Total
The Hon R J L Hawke AC	1	1	1	3
The Hon P J Keating	1	1	1	3
The Hon J Howard OM AC	1	1	1	3
The Hon J Gillard	1	1	1	3
The Hon K Rudd	1	1	1	3
TOTAL	5	5	5	15

Presiding and Deputy Presiding Officers

Presiding Officer or Deputy Presiding Officer	Senior Adviser 1	Adviser	Assistant Adviser	Executive Assistant	Secretary / Admin Assist	Total
President of the Senate	1	2	1	2		6
Deputy President of the Senate & Chair of Committees			1			1
TOTAL	1	2	2	2		7

Presiding Officer or Deputy Presiding Officer	Senior Adviser 1	Adviser	Assistant Adviser	Executive Assistant	Secretary / Admin Assist	Total
Speaker of the House of Representatives	1	2	1	1		5
Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives			1			1
Second Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives *					0.35	0.35
TOTAL	1	2	2	1	0.35	6.35

* Position is only available in sitting weeks (establishment for 2015 calculated as 19 sitting weeks divided by 52.14)