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Senator: Bernardi

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Question:

CHAIR: DPS advised in a question on notice that management of the Baxter review is a matter for you.

Mr Lloyd: That is right.

CHAIR: Can you give us a brief update since October? I am specifically interested in the number of DPS staff that may have engaged in consultations with you.

Mr Lloyd: With me or with Mr Baxter?

CHAIR: Yes.

Mr Lloyd: I know that Mr Baxter undertook a fairly extensive consultation. I do not know at the moment or cannot recall who exactly that was with and how many. I am not sure it is in his report or in the appendix, but we do have extensive consultation with a number of officers, both members of parliament and officers.

CHAIR: In answer to a question on notice, DPS detailed how the advertising had taken place effectively internally, and I do not know how many people took advantage of that. I am not interested in who, but if there is a record I am just interested to know whether 50 people went into their consultations from DPS or three. Could you find that and take it on notice?

Mr Lloyd: Yes, certainly.

CHAIR: If not I will pursue it with DPS and see what we can come up with.

Mr Lloyd: I will take it on notice.

Answer:

The number of staff in the Department of Parliamentary Services that participated in the review was 20.