

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15**

Finance Portfolio

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**Senator:** Ludwig  
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**Question:**

1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary.
2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification.
3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification.
4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification.
5. For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment.

**Answer:**

1. Please refer to the Government Personal Positions Handout provided to the Committee on 29 May 2014 which can be found at:  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/~media/Estimates/Live/fapa\\_ctte/estimates/bud\\_1415/finance/tab\\_led\\_finance\\_govt\\_personal\\_pos.pdf](http://www.aph.gov.au/~media/Estimates/Live/fapa_ctte/estimates/bud_1415/finance/tab_led_finance_govt_personal_pos.pdf)
2. See Attachment A.
3. For the period 1 February 2014 to 31 May 2014, 14 employees resigned from the offices of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries. Due to the very small numbers in each office and the possibility of individuals being identified, it would not be appropriate to provide this data in more detail.
4. For the period 1 February 2014 to 31 May 2014, three employees had their employment terminated from the offices of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries. A further six staff ceased employment from the offices of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, by reason of age retirement and at the end of non-ongoing employment. Due to the very small numbers in each office and the possibility of individuals being identified, it would not be appropriate to provide this data in more detail.
5. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

Number of employment agreements processed for new employees against the personal staff establishment for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries for the period 1 February 2014 to 31 May 2014 inclusive, by position classification.

Office	Principal Adviser	Chief of Staff 2	Senior Adviser 2	Chief of Staff 1	Senior Adviser 1	Media Adviser	Adviser	Assistant Adviser	Exec Asst /Office Mgr	Secretary /Admin Asst	Total
Abbott, Anthony							1	1	1	1	4
Cabinet Office (Abbott)	1										1
Abetz, Eric			2				1		1		4
Billson, Bruce							1				1
Brandis, George									1	1	2
Briggs, Jamie							2				2
Cash, Michaelia						1					1
Cormann, Mathias							1	1			2
Dutton, Peter								1			1
Fierravanti-Wells, C								1			1
Fifield, Mitch							3		1		4
Fletcher, Paul							1				1
Hartsuyker, Luke								1			1
Hockey, Joseph							1				1
Hunt, Greg			1								1
Joyce, Barnaby		1					1		2		4
Macfarlane, Ian							1	1			2
McCormack, Michael								1			1
Nash, Fiona				1							1
Pyne, Christopher							1		1		2
Robb, Andrew							1	1			2
Robert, Stuart									1		1
Ronaldson, Michael							1	1	1		3
Scullion, Nigel										1	1
Sinodinos, Arthur					1						1
Truss, Warren								1			1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>46</b>