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Question:

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I go to the tables that you have helpfully circulated. Until February, the practice was to list the officers on the personal classification table. Is there a reason that has changed?

Ms Moy: In terms of the personal classifications?

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes.

Ms Moy: I will just check with Mr Frost. I was always of the opinion that we do not actually provide the office that they are in as it may identify an individual when there are small numbers. I will just check.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Well, my understanding is that it was always reported until this last February one and it has been maintained now as not reported.

Senator Ronaldson: I think the officer has said that her understanding of the previous practice—

Senator WONG: No. I have a tabled document here. It is not the case.

Senator Ronaldson: Previous practice is that they not be identified. I am sure that can be clarified very quickly if you are just prepared to hold fire briefly while I double check that, in fairness.

Ms Moy: I will get someone to check that.

Senator Ronaldson: We will check that straightaway....

Ms Moy: We will check the previous tables.

Senator Ronaldson: We will check it very quickly.

Answer:

The level of information of personal classifications in individual offices was changed due to the very small numbers in each office and the possibility of individuals being identified.