Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Ministerial staff code

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

- 1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? * If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level * If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? * If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?
- 2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct? * If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? * How long have they worked for the Minister?
- 3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? * If not, on what date did they comply?
- 4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? * If so, on what date were those disclosure made?
- 5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee
- 6. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment
- 7. Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level

Answer:

Q1 - 7. Not applicable to the ANAO.