

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 26 May-6 June 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Northern Australia White Paper Taskforce secondees

Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Mr Hazlehurst: We also have one secondee from the Northern Territory on the northern Australia white paper task force.

Senator WONG: Would I be able to ask you to update on notice the table that you gave me in No. 68 and perhaps also disaggregate in that where they are seconded from?

Mr Hazlehurst: Yes.

Senator WONG: That might be the quickest way of doing it.

Answer:

1(a) date of formation

Reform of Federation White Paper	Northern Australia White Paper	Agriculture Competitiveness White Paper
15 January 2014	October 2013	October 2013

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1(b) staffing, including numbers and classifications of staff

Reform of Federation White Paper		Northern Australia White Paper		Agriculture Competitiveness White Paper	
Classification	Number of staff	Classification	Number of staff	Classification	Number of staff
SES Band 2	1	SES Band 2	1	SES Band 2	1
SES Band 1	2	SES Band 1	3	SES Band 1	2
EL 2	3	EL 2	3	EL 2	3
EL 1	5	EL 1	4.8	EL 1	3
APS 6	3	APS 6		APS 6	3
APS 5	2	APS 5	2	APS 5	1
Other ¹	1	Other ²	1	Other	
Total	17	Total	14.8	Total	13

¹ Non APS staff engaged at the equivalent of an APS 5.

² Non APS staff engaged at the equivalent of an EL 2.

Reform of Federation White Paper Taskforce as at 20 June 2014

Number	Level	Agency
1	SES Band 2	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
1	SES Band 1	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
1	SES Band 1	Department of Social Services
2	EL 2	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
1	EL 2	Queensland Department of Premier and Cabinet
1	EL1	Department of Human Services
2	EL1	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
1	EL1	New South Wales Department of Premier and Cabinet
1	EL1	The Treasury
3	APS 6	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
3	APS 5	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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1	SES Band 2	Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
2	SES Band 1	Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
1	SES Band 1	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
1	EL 2	Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
2	EL 2	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
1	EL 2	Northern Territory Government
1	EL 1	Department of Agriculture
1	EL 1	Department of Environment
1	EL 1	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
1	EL 1	Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
0.8	EL 1	The Treasury
2	APS 5	Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

Agriculture Competitiveness White Paper Taskforce as at 20 June 2014

Number	Level	Agency
1	SES Band 2	Department of Agriculture
1	SES Band 1	Department of Agriculture
1	SES Band 1	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
2	EL2	Department of Agriculture
1	EL2	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
1	EL1	Department of Agriculture
1	EL1	Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
1	EL1	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
2	APS6	Department of Agriculture
1	APS6	Department of Industry
1	APS5	Department of Agriculture

2(a) proposed timeline for the publication of issues papers, Green Papers and White Papers¹

Reform of Federation White Paper	Northern Australia White Paper	Agriculture Competitiveness White Paper
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Issues Paper	Green Paper	White Paper	Green Paper	White Paper	Issues Paper	Green Paper	White Paper
Third Quarter 2014	Second Quarter 2015	Late 2015	Released 10 June 2014	Within 12 months of the release of the Terms of Reference on 28 February 2014	Released 6 February 2014	Mid-2014	End of 2014

¹ Indicative only

2(b) budget and cost to date¹

Reform of Federation White Paper		Northern Australia White Paper		Agriculture Competitiveness White Paper	
Budget \$'000s	Cost \$'000s	Indicative Budget 2013-14 and 2014-15	Cost \$'000s	Indicative Budget 2013-14 and 2014-15	Cost \$'000s
\$2,678,963	\$292,594	\$2.9 million	\$1,293,885	\$3.0 million	\$1,089,600

¹ Figures provided as at 30 May 2014 and all costs are being absorbed within existing departmental budgets.

2(c) details of any external contracts, including costs

Reform of Federation White Paper	Nil as at 30 May 2014
Northern Australia White Paper	Nil as at 30 May 2014
Agriculture Competitiveness White Paper	Nil as at 30 May 2014