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**Question:**

Ms Kelly: The project Dr Smith is working on is supported by the project office. I do not know the exact number of staff who are currently supporting Dr Smith. It is a small number.

Senator WONG: Fewer than 10?

Ms Kelly: Fewer than 10, yes.

Senator WONG: Perhaps you could indicate that on notice.

**Answer:**

The Public Data Management Project, led by Dr Heather Smith, is supported by eight full-time staff and one project director with other responsibilities. These numbers include staff from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, as well as staff seconded from the Department of Finance, the Department of Communications, the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australia Taxation Office.