

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Department of the Senate

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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Question: 41

Topic: Ministerial office security classifications

Written: 26 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

1. What is the policy for ministerial staff security clearances?
2. How many staffers employed by the government under the MOPS Act have security clearances?
 - a) At what level?
 - b) If not, why not?
3. How many seconded departmental officers acting in ministerial offices, including DLOs have security clearances?
 - a) At what level?
 - b) If not, why not

Answer:

This question is not applicable to the department. As a parliamentary department, the department does not report to a Minister.