

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15**

**Finance Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of Finance

**Outcome/Program:** 3/3.1

**Topic:** Ministerial Staff Turnover

**Senator:** Ludwig

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**Question:**

Could the SMOS please answer the following questions on behalf of all Ministers:

1. List the current staffing allocation for all Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries.
2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification.
3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification.
4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification.
5. For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment.

**Answer:**

1. Please refer to QoN F165 [Attachment A](#)
2. Please refer to QoN F165 [Attachment B](#).
3. For the period 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014, 18 employees resigned from the offices of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (including six who returned to their public sector employment). Due to the very small numbers in each office and the possibility of individuals being identified, it would not be appropriate to provide this data in more detail.
4. For the period 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014, two employees had their employment terminated from the offices of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries. A further five staff ceased employment from the offices of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries at the end of their non-ongoing employment. Due to the very small numbers in each office and the possibility of individuals being identified, it would not be appropriate to provide this data in more detail.
5. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.