

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

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Senator FAULKNER: I thought I must have got the wrong terminology. How many staff are there in the DPS finance section?

Ms Mills: Approximately 14.

Senator FAULKNER: Of that 14, I assume, from listening to Senator Heffernan's questions, that some are permanent staff and some are contractors. Is that right?

Ms Mills: That is right.

Senator FAULKNER: Can you give me the breakdown please.

Ms Mills: I cannot without taking that on notice, because the numbers have changed over recent times. As you are aware, we had a difficult financial situation last year, so we delayed making full-time appointments until our financial position was clear.

Senator FAULKNER: I am a bit surprised that someone cannot tell us that. We cannot say, in the finance section of the department, of the 14 that are there, how many are permanent staff and how many are contractors?

Ms Mills: All I am saying is that I do not have that in front of me. I would have to get that information.

Senator HEFFERNAN: Could you come back this afternoon with it?

Ms Mills: I will certainly attempt to, yes.

Answer

Refer to question 183.