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Question:

Senator LUDWIG: There is unit called 'the budget surge'. What is that?

Ms Halton: ... it is a group of people who can be moved as necessary from their regular work into another work area.

Senator LUDWIG: How many people?

Ms Halton: It depends on what the function is. We can take on notice and tell you how many people surged out of budget group into MAPS.

Answer:

There were seven (7) staff who surged out of the Budget and Financial Reporting area into Ministerial and Parliamentary Services to support the temporary increase in workload associated with the Ministerial reshuffle.