

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16

Finance Portfolio
20 October 2015

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Outcome/Program: 3/3.1

Topic: Ministerial Staffing

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

In regard to all ministerial offices, since the leadership change in September, 2015:

1. Has there been any change to the staffing profile of the Minister's office?
2. Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, and role.
3. Please provide a break down of any redundancies that have been paid to staff who left the Minister's office since the change in leadership.
4. Please provide the total cost of Ministerial staff salaries in the office from before the change.
5. Please provide the total cost of Ministerial staff salaries in the office as of now.
6. Were any staff hired for the office since the change, but have subsequently left in the time between then and now? If yes:
 - a) How many?
 - b) How long did each stay?
 - c) What was their role?

Answer:

1. & 2. Information concerning the allocation of personal staff members for each Minister and Assistant Minister was provided to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee at the Estimates hearing on 20 October 2015 and is available on the Committee's website as a tabled document under the Finance Portfolio.
3. As at 20 October 2015 no payments were made in regard to severance entitlements for staff as a result of the Ministerial reshuffle in September 2015.
4. & 5. Due to the small number of staff in each office it would not be appropriate to provide data concerning salaries of staff within offices.
6. No.