

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
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**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

Has the Prime Minister approved any additional entitlements for former Prime Minister Abbott, including, but not limited to, staff entitlements. If so, on what date were they approved, and can details be provided.

**Answer:**

Yes. On 29 September 2015, Prime Minister Turnbull agreed to a package of entitlements for Mr Abbott while he remains in the Parliament. In addition to the standard entitlements for a Member of Parliament of an electorate office and four staff, Mr Abbott can employ two additional staff members (a Senior Adviser for no longer than 12 months and an Assistant Adviser) to support him in his role as a former Prime Minister.