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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Farrell

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Question:

Senator FARRELL: That clarifies that matter. Have any of these individuals who were previously employed by the special units of government moved into or been hired by the government under the personal staffing allocations?

Senator Ryan: I will take that on notice, with the proviso that we generally do not use names, but we can provide numbers.

Ms McGregor: We can have a look at the general breakup there.

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Senator FARRELL: I am sure we can avoid any misunderstandings. Are you able to tell us how many and where they have gone to?

Senator Ryan: We will take that on notice and we will provide information consistent with past practice. I have asked the same question, so I will try to provide answers consistent with that.

Senator FARRELL: Are any of these people employed in the Prime Minister's Office?

Senator Ryan: I honestly cannot answer that, so I will take it on notice...

Answer:

For the period 1 May 2016 to 18 October 2016, two persons previously employed as described have been engaged in ministerial offices. Neither are employed in the Prime Minister's Office.