

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2016-17

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Senator: Farrell
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Question:

I refer to earlier estimates hearings where it was revealed that the President of the Senate had employed former Member Eric Hutchinson, and a media report of three other former members being hired under the Government's staffing allocation.

1. Is it accurate that the former members; Matt Williams, Karen McNamara, and Peter Hendy have been hired under the Government's staffing allocation?
2. Under what classification is Mr Williams employed and for what purpose?
3. Under what classification is Ms McNamara employed and for what purpose?
4. Under what classification is Mr Hendy employed and for what purpose?
5. Are these staff members ever required to represent their employers in their electorates?
6. Are any of these appointments in addition to the Government allocation?

Answer:

1. Yes.
2. Adviser.
3. Adviser.
4. Senior Adviser.
5. This is a matter for the individual Senator or Member.
6. These appointments are part of the Government allocation.