

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2016**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Security personnel numbers**

Question: **10**

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Senator WONG: If you compare 12 months ago with now, do you have more security personnel and, if so, how many?

Mr Cooper: What was the first part of the question, sorry?

Senator WONG: We have agreed that there is an additional requirement as between 12 months ago and now of about 10 staff. I am just trying to get a sense of how many more there are than the baseline of 12 months ago.

Answer

As at 1 October 2015, DPS had a total of 125 full-time equivalent uniformed security personnel employed.

As at 1 October 2016, DPS had a total of 135 full-time equivalent uniformed security personnel employed.

This is a net increase of 10 full time equivalent security personnel over the 12 month period.

The figures noted above do not include casual employees who are used for irregular and intermittent requirements to fill vacancies upon short notice. As at 1 October 2016, DPS had 28 non-ongoing casual employees to fill vacancies at short notice or for short periods.