

**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: **Additional staffing allocation**

Question: **11**

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Senator WONG: I want to go back to the 10 additional staff. That is at any one time, isn't it?

Mr Cooper: Yes.

Senator WONG: So, over a 24-hour period, what is the additional staffing allocation? I assume you do not staff all of these points for 24 hours. Is that right?

Mr Cooper: That is right.

Senator WONG: So, in a 24-hour period, what is the additional staffing requirement for those six additional checkpoints?

Mr Cooper: Four of them are not open for 24 hours. The two at the front are open until 11 pm. So we would need to break that figure down, and I do not have that with me.

Senator WONG: I want to understand—and, to allocate staff, you must know—over a 24-hour period, how many staff do you need to roster on and where. Can that be done over the morning break? Is that possible?

Mr Cooper: Are you talking about just those additional points?

Senator WONG: Yes.

Mr Cooper: I will make some inquiries.

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Senator WONG: Okay. Perhaps this will be on notice. You were going to come back to me and tell me in a 24-hour period how many additional staff are required for the six additional checkpoints.

Mr Cooper: Yes, we will have to take that on notice, Senator.

Answer

The six additional security points (four internal entrances to the ministerial wing and two points—east and west—of the external ministerial guardhouse) require 18 PSS officers in a 24 hour period and approximately a further four and a half officers to provide mandatory breaks for those staff.