

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Question No. BE17-086

Senator O'Sullivan asked the following question on 25 May 2017:

Senator O'SULLIVAN: So the section that puts the publications up within the tribunal, would it be involved for certain if a decision had to be taken down?

Ms Leathem: I might defer to Mr Matthies here, who manages the information section.

Mr Matthies: Any request to remove a decision will be dealt with by that area.

Senator O'SULLIVAN: And that is your area, Mr Matthies?

Mr Matthies: That falls within my area.

Senator O'SULLIVAN: When Ms O'Connell referred Ms Holmes's request in the email to Ms Redfern, did she correspond to someone within the section that you control?

Mr Matthies: Well, my understanding—and I need to confirm this—is that an email was sent to the decision publication area.

Senator O'SULLIVAN: That is the area that you control. How many personnel are in that area?

Mr Matthies: I will have to take that on notice. I do not have those figures to hand.

Senator O'SULLIVAN: You can give me a general number. You are the head of the department. Do you know how many staff work for you?

Mr Matthies: I would say in that area it would be in the vicinity of six to seven people. But I would like to confirm that on notice.

The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

As at 25 May 2017, there were six positions in the AAT's Decisions Publication Team:

- Assistant Director, Publications (Executive Level 1)
- Team Leader, Publications (APS Level 6)
- 2 Senior Publications Officers (APS Level 5)
- 2 Publications Officers (APS Level 4).

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