

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Additional Budget Estimates Hearing – February 2009**

**Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Outcome 3, Output 3.1**

**Topic: Staffing in Senator the Hon Penny Wong's office**

**Question reference number: F79**

**Type of Question: Written**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 9 April 2009**

**Number of Pages: 3**

**Senator Johnston asked:**

1. Please provide the names, salaries, titles and responsibilities of all staff in Minister Wong's office.
2. Please indicate what their salaries were in October 2007 (or when they started).
3. Please indicate what their salaries are now.
4. Please identify which staff have government cars as part of their package.
5. What model vehicles do they drive?
6. What is the cost of the vehicle packages?
7. Which staff are entitled to fly business class?
8. What is the home base for each of the staff?
9. If they are not located in Sydney or Canberra, what is the reason?

**Answer:**

1. Classifications and salary ranges are provided so as not to identify personal information of individual employees. As at 25 February 2009:

<b>Number of Employees per Classification</b>	<b>Salary Range</b>
1 x Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	\$100,900 to \$136,100
1 x Senior Media Adviser	\$85,500 to \$116,400
4 x Adviser	\$77,869 to \$114,916
1 x Assistant Adviser	\$64,920 to \$77,869
1 x Executive Assistant / Officer Manager	\$52,580 to \$64,920
1 x Secretary / Administrative Assistant	\$41,419 to \$54,253

Note: Excludes Electorate Employees

The Department of Finance and Deregulation is not aware of the designated titles that may be used in individual offices or the responsibilities of individual employees.

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Additional Budget Estimates Hearing – February 2009

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

2.	<b>Classification February 2009</b>	<b>As at October 2007 or Commencement with Minister</b>	<b>Classification: As at October 2007 or Commencement with Minister</b>	<b>Salary Range: As at October 2007 or Commencement with Minister</b>
	Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	November 2008	Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	\$100,900 to \$136,100
	Senior Media Adviser	October 2007	Assistant Adviser	\$58,005 to \$71,307
	Adviser	March 2008	Adviser	\$74,516 to \$109,967
	Adviser	January 2008	Adviser	\$74,516 to \$109,967
	Adviser	February 2008	Adviser	\$74,516 to \$109,967
	Adviser	January 2008	Adviser	\$74,516 to \$109,967
	Assistant Adviser	March 2008	Assistant Adviser	\$62,124 to \$74,516
	Executive Assistant / Officer Manager	February 2008	Executive Assistant / Officer Manager	\$50,316 to \$62,124
	Secretary / Administrative Assistant	December 2008	Secretary / Administrative Assistant	\$41,419 to \$54,253

Note: Excludes Electorate Employees

3. As per question 1.
4. Nil.
5. N/A.
6. Chiefs of Staff are entitled to cash in lieu of a private-plated vehicle of \$18,540.
7. Employees above the classification of Adviser are entitled to travel at business class.

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Additional Budget Estimates Hearing – February 2009**

**Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

8.

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Home Base</b>
Senior Adviser (Chief of Staff – Cabinet)	1 x Adelaide
Senior Media Adviser	1 x Adelaide
Adviser	4 x Canberra
Assistant Adviser	1 x Canberra
Executive Assistant / Officer Manager	1 x Canberra
Secretary / Administrative Assistant	1 x Canberra

Note: Excludes Electorate Employees

9. Senator Wong's ministerial office is located in Adelaide.