

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Topic: Ministerial Pressure on APS Staff**

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**Question:** (Senator Ryan)

*The Canberra Times* reported on 4/12/09 that "ministers or their advisers pressured one in four executive-level bureaucrats to breach their duty to be apolitical, impartial or accountable in 2008-09."

- a) Did any Department of Climate Change staff report that they felt that ministers or their advisers pressured them to breach their duty to be apolitical, impartial or accountable in 2008-09?
- b) Did any staff report that they felt that the Minister for Climate Change or her advisers pressured them to breach their duty to be apolitical, impartial or accountable in 2008-09?

**Answer:**

- a) During 2008-09 the Department did not receive any reports from staff that they were pressured into breaching their duty to be apolitical, impartial or accountable.
- b) During 2008-09 the Department did not receive any reports from staff that they were pressured into breaching their duty to be apolitical, impartial or accountable.