

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2013-2014**

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**Senator:** Wong

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**Question:**

**Senator WONG:** Perhaps, on notice, you could let us know. Presumably you have received 300 letters—

**Mr Tune:** 420.

**Ms Moy:** The allocated positions are not all filled, so it would be 410.

**Senator WONG:** So of the 410 to date, how many have you received letters in relation to? I am assuming all, but perhaps not. Is that right?

**Ms Moy:** No, I would presume we have all.

**Senator WONG:** How many were signed by the Prime Minister's chief of staff and how many were signed by someone else, and if so, who? Are you able to do that?

**Ms Moy:** Yes, we can take that on notice.

**Answer:**

The Government Staffing Committee makes recommendations to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister's agreement to recommendations is conveyed to employing Ministers by the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff.