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Senator: Faulkner

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Question:

Senator FAULKNER: While questions are being taken on notice, Mr Tune, in the spirit of Senator McKenzie's question, can I ask if the department could also provide, on notice, vacancies in ministerial offices?

Senator Ronaldson: Is that staff?

Senator FAULKNER: Yes, staff—personal staff. I am putting it in the same terms as the question Senator McKenzie has asked. She is terribly interested in the Leader of the Opposition's staff—whether they are in the Canberra office, Melbourne office or the electorate office. I have now become interested in the Prime Minister's staff. Can I ask whether the Prime Minister's MOP(S) staff are in Parliament House, the Canberra office, the Sydney CPO or in his electorate office. Normally I would not ask these questions, but my interest has been jagged by Senator McKenzie.

Answer:

As at 4 February 2014 the Prime Minister had 49 personal staff in the following locations:

- 44 located at Parliament House;
- 4 located at the Prime Minister's Ministerial office in the Sydney Commonwealth Parliament Office; and
- 1 located in Melbourne with a temporary non-standard work base, which ceased on 4 February 2014.