

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

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Senator Ray asked:

Where is the home base for the two [media adviser] positions? Are they subject to personal classifications? Are they paid above the salary band? Are their contracts signed by the Prime Minister as the employing minister?

Answer:

Home bases, as at 1 May 2006, for the Media Adviser positions within the Cabinet Policy Unit were Sydney and Canberra. There are no Media Advisers within the Cabinet Policy Unit that hold a personal classification. There is one (1) who is paid above the relevant salary band. Both Media Adviser contracts were signed by an authorised officer on behalf of the Prime Minister.