

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Administration**

Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2006

**Question: F36**

**Outcome 3, Output 3.1**

**Topic: Government Staffing Numbers**

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**Senator Ray asked:**

Can you take on notice how many senior advisers were employed in the government at the end of March 1997? Do you understand? All the staffing changes with the transition to government had probably been completed by then. Can you compare that with the 1 May figures from this year?

**Answer:**

Seniors Advisers as at:

31 March 1997 -	40
1 May 2006 -	79.4