

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2007

Question: F10 and F12

Outcome 3, Output 3.1

Topic: Costings for Increase in Government staff numbers

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Senator Wong asked:

Do you have costings in relation to this variance? Can you find out what documentation you have regarding costings for the current financial year of increase in ministerial staffing?

What the additional cost is of the variances to government staffing that have been provided. It is 7.2 at a particular position level – but net, in terms of various positions.

Answer:

The maximum potential cost for 2006-07 of the additional 20.7 Ministerial staffing positions that were approved between 1 July 2006 and 1 May 2007 is \$1.5m.

The maximum potential cost for 2006-07 of the additional six positions approved for the Opposition in March 2007 is \$0.2m.