

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: F6

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Topic: Certification of Monthly Management Reports

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Senator Murray asked:

...please provide the names of members and senators who have not certified in 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06... ... In doing so, could you indicate in respect of any member or senator whether there is a dispute? If there is a dispute, there might be a legitimate reason for not certifying an account. Could you also indicate whether the member or senator is no longer with us – I assume if somebody has died they could hardly have certified their accounts – or if they have left office?

Answer:

Where a Senator or Member has not provided certification for a particular month, or the end of financial year management report, their name is listed below. The number of reports for the financial year *not* certified is listed in the brackets next to the Senator or Member's name.

M&PS provided the information below as at 24 October 2007 for (then) current Senators and Members only as the process of compiling the information was resource intensive and therefore costly to retrieve. Accordingly, M&PS did not compile information in respect of, nor contact, former Senators and Members.

2003-2004

The Hon Peter Lindsay MP (1)
*Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (5)

2004-2005

The Hon Pat Farmer MP (1)
Government Members' Secretariat (Mr Kerry Bartlett) (3)
*Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (1)
Mr Kym Richardson (3)

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2005-2006

Mr Kym Richardson (13)
The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP (1)

*The Senator has advised that, to the best of his knowledge, he has always completed certifications.