

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

**Budget Estimates Hearings 2007-2008, 21-22 May 2007**



**Question: PM 104**

**Outcome 1, Output 4.2**

**Topic: Departmental Liaison Officers**

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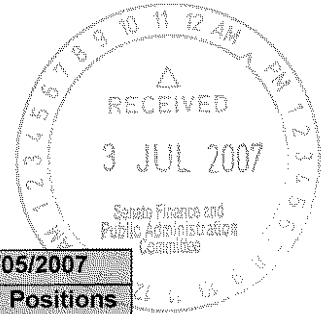
**Senator Wong asked: Can the Department please provide an updated table indicating the allocation of Departmental Liaison Officers to ministerial offices? Please indicate:**

- a. The standard allocation of Departmental Liaison Officers to ministerial offices;
- b. Any variance from the standard allocation at the present time;
- c. Any variances to this allocation that have occurred during 2006-2007;
- d. The reasons for any variance.

**This information was provided in part at Supplementary Budget Estimates 2006-2007. The link to the relevant document is [http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fapa\\_ctte/estimates/sup\\_0607/pmc/liaison\\_officers.pdf](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fapa_ctte/estimates/sup_0607/pmc/liaison_officers.pdf)**

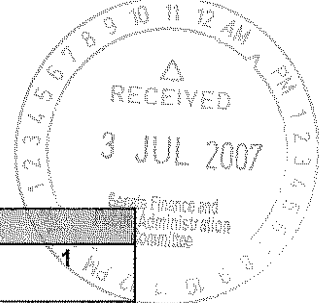
**Answer:** Points (a) to (c) are addressed in the attached table.

With reference to point (d), a number of factors may be taken into account when deciding whether the standard allocation should be varied including, for example, the number of agencies in a minister's portfolio and the level of interaction between those agencies and the minister's office.



**DEPARTMENTAL LIAISON OFFICERS  
2006-07 – by Office**

Cabinet Ministers – by Portfolio	As at 12/10/2006		As at 30/01/2007		As at 03/05/2007	
	Standard allocation	Positions allocated	Standard allocation	Positions allocated	Standard Allocation	Positions allocated
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	2	2	2	2	2	2
Attorney-General	2	2	2	2	2	2
Communications, IT and the Arts	2	2	2	2	2	2
Defence	2	2	2	2	2	2
Education, Science and Training	2	3	2	3	2	3
Employment and Workplace Relations	2	3	2	3	2	3
Environment and Water Resources	2	2*	2	2	2	2
Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	2	3	2	3	2	3
Finance and Administration	2	2	2	2	2	2
Foreign Affairs	2	3	2	3	2	3
Health and Ageing	2	2	2	2	2	2
Human Services	-	-	2	3	2	3
Immigration and Citizenship	2	2~	2	2	2	2
Industry, Tourism and Resources	2	2	2	2	2	2
Prime Minister	2	2	2	2	2	2
Trade	2	2	2	2	2	2
Transport and Regional Services	2	2	2	2	2	2
Treasurer	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>VARIATION</b>		<b>+4</b>		<b>+5</b>		<b>+5</b>
<b>Non-Cabinet Ministers</b>						
Ageing	1	1	1	1	1	1
Arts and Sport	1	1	1	1	1	1
Community Services	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation	1	1	1	1	1	1
Human Services	1	3	-	-	-	-
Justice and Customs	1	3	1	3	1	3
Local Government, Territories & Roads	1	1	1	1	1	1
Revenue and Assistant Treasurer	1	2	1	2	1	2
Small Business and Tourism	1	1	1	1	1	1
Special Minister of State	1	1	1	1	1	1
Veterans' Affairs	1	2	1	2	1	2
Vocational and Further Education	1	2^	1	1	1	1
Workforce Participation	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>VARIATION</b>		<b>+7</b>		<b>+4</b>		<b>+4</b>



Assistant Ministers/ Parliamentary Secretaries						
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	1	1	1	1	1	1
Defence	1	1	1	1	1	1
Education, Science and Training	1	1	1	1	1	1
Environment and Water Resources	1	1*	1	1	1	1
Finance and Administration	1	1	1	1	1	1
Foreign Affairs	1	1	1	1	1	1
Health and Ageing	1	1	1	1	1	1
Immigration and Citizenship	1	2~	1	1	1	1
Industry, Tourism and Resources	1	1	1	1	1	1
Prime Minister	1	1	1	1	1	1
Transport and Regional Services	1	1	1	1	1	1
Treasurer	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>VARIATION</b>	<b>+1</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Actual</b>
	<b>59</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Total Variation</b>	<b>+12</b>		<b>+9</b>		<b>+9</b>	

\* as Environment and Heritage portfolio until 30 January 2007

~ as Immigration and Multicultural Affairs portfolio until 30 January 2007

^ as Vocational and Technical Education portfolio until 30 January 2007 and with additional DLO for role as Minister Assisting the Prime Minister