

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2008
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Senator Ronaldson asked:

Perhaps if you could take on notice the tabling of the letter, [relating to party status and staffing uses] which I am happy for you to provide when you believe that it is more than likely that Senator Brown has received a copy.

Answer:

The letter to Senator Brown, Leader of the Australian Greens, regarding party status and staffing, is at Attachment A.

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Attachment A



Senator the Hon John Faulkner

Special Minister of State
Cabinet Secretary

Senator Bob Brown
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Senator ~~Brown~~

Bob

I refer to our previous discussions on the allocation of staff for the Australian Greens from 1 July 2008 and can now advise that the Prime Minister has approved the following allocation:

Senior Adviser (SES-equivalent)	1
Adviser Level 2	1
Adviser Level 1	2
Assistant Adviser	3
Executive Assistant Level 3	1
Executive Assistant Level 2	1
Executive Assistant Level 1	1
Total	10

Additionally, consistent with our approach for other parties, a Clerk to Whip position will be provided but excluded from this staffing allocation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Faulkner".

JOHN FAULKNER

26 May 2008