

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio
Department of Climate Change
Budget Estimates Hearing–May 2009

Written question reference: CC27b

Outcome/Output: Outcome 1, Output Group 1.1 – Response to climate change

Topic: Additional staff provided to Minister Combet

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Question: (Senator Birmingham)

What additional Departmental or MoPS Act staff have been provided to the Parliamentary Secretary/Minister Assisting? What are their salaries? What other costs are associated both with the appointment of the Parliamentary Secretary and with his subsequent appointment as Minister Assisting?

Answer:

As of 29 May 2009, there has been one departmental staff member provided to the office of the Parliamentary Secretary/Minister Assisting. The individual is employed under the Department of Climate Change Collective Agreement 2009-2011. Under this agreement their salary range is \$67,925 to \$77,330 with an additional Departmental Liaison Officer Allowance of \$17,050 per annum. For privacy reasons the exact amount cannot be disclosed.

The Department incurred costs of \$26,244 for fitting out the Parliamentary Secretary Office and Electorate Office. These costs related to computers, printers, security containers, media equipment, televisions and DVD recorders.

The Department did not incur any additional costs in establishing the Office of the Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change.