

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Ronaldson asked:

My question is about departmental speechwriters or speechwriters on personal staff. Does the department have speechwriters on staff? What about the relevant minister's offices? Who writes your speeches Minister? Please take that on notice and see whether there are speechwriters on staff, how many and their MOPS levels.

Answer:

There are no speechwriters employed within the Department of Finance and Deregulation, or the office of the Minister for Finance and Deregulation.

In the office of the Special Minister of State, a full-time staff member (Electorate Officer B) spent a third (0.3) of their time dedicated to speechwriting.