



25 May 2010

Ms Christine McDonald
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public
Administration
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT

Dear Ms McDonald,

**Senate Finance and Public Administration – Legislation Committee:
24 May 2010: Questions from Senator Trood**

I write to respond to a number of questions asked by Senator Trood during ONA's appearance before the committee on 24 May 2010.

Foreign Intelligence Coordination Committee [FICC] Secretariat staffing

ONA chaired and provided secretariat and executive support to the FICC. On average two staff members assisted with that support as part of other wide-ranging executive and foreign intelligence coordination and evaluation responsibilities. When the FICC was replaced by the National Intelligence Coordination Committee, which is chaired by Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, secretariat support became the responsibility of PM&C. The ONA positions that formerly supported the FICC now focus on managing and supporting the National Intelligence Collection Management Committee while continuing to undertake other foreign intelligence coordination and executive functions.

ONA job vacancies

Senator Trood asked for an update on vacancies previously identified in a response to a question on notice from the Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing Committee in October 2009.

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I wish to confirm that all vacancies identified in October 2009 have been filled.

ONA has the following vacancies currently under advertisement:

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| 5 March 2010 | Senior Global Macroeconomic Analyst |
| 29 April 2010 | Middle East Analyst |
| 28 May 2010 | Strategic Analyst |
| 28 May 2010 | Information Services Officers (anticipated vacancies) |
| 28 May 2010 | Assistant Manager Information Services (anticipated vacancy) |
| 22 April 2010 | Editor/Product Coordinator (anticipated vacancy) |

In addition suitable candidates have been identified for the following vacant positions and are going through the security assessment process:

Senior Climate Change Analyst
Open Source Analyst
Travel Officer
Assistant Office Manager

*Yours sincerely,
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