

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**  
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**Topic: Media advisers – ministers’ offices**

**Senator: Abetz**

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**Question:**

- 1. What is the rationale for the provision of between 2 and 3 Media Advisers in the offices of Ministers?**
- 2. Who provided advice that Ministers should have two Media Advisers?**
- 3. For each Minister, how many staff in each office have media duties?**

**Answer:**

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is not aware of the reasons for, and has not provided any advice on, the provision of media advisers to ministers’ offices.

In relation to the numbers of media advisers in each office documents detailing the number and classifications of personal staff positions were tabled by the Department of Finance and Deregulation at its Estimates hearing on 26 May 2011.