

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Supplementary Budget Estimates 17-20 October 2011

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** Program 1.1.4 Support Services for Government Operations

**Topic:** Communications

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Question:**

How many communications people are there in each of your departments and agencies. List their classification, position description, services they provide to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and any guidelines they must adhere to.

**Answer:**

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) does not have a central public affairs/communications area to support portfolio ministers on matters that are administered by PM&C. There are four full-time people and one part-time person undertaking a public affairs/communications role in the Office for the Arts. As public servants, these people are required to comply with APS Values and the APS Code of Conduct.