

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Ronaldson

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Question:

Senator RONALDSON: Are you aware that John McTernan has been offered a job in the Prime Minister's office?

[...]

Senator RONALDSON: What will his salary be?

Ms Leon: MOPS is administered by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

Senator RONALDSON: Minister, do you know what his salary is?

Senator Chris Evans: No, I do not. We will take that on notice, or you can ask MOPS.

Answer:

Personal staff in the Prime Minister's office are employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* ('the MOP(S) Act'). The salary for an individual is determined by the Prime Minister having regard to the classifications and salary ranges for MOP(S) Act staff, which are disclosed in the MOP(S) Act annual reports prepared by the department of Finance and Deregulation. Details of remuneration for individuals is not disclosed for reasons of privacy.