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Dear Ms McDonald

### **Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing on 16 October 2012**

I am writing in relation to the appearance of the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) before the Committee on Thursday, 16 October 2012. During the consideration of Outcome 3 (Ministerial and Parliamentary Services), Senator Scott Ryan asked the Department (Hansard reference page F&PA 80) *Do we normally get the staffing document tabled now?*

Three sets of documents were tabled by Finance, one of which was titled, *Personal Classifications – 1 October 2012*. Under the Government heading in the document it stated that as at 1 October 2012 there were 33 Government staff with personal classifications and provided a table listing the offices where the staff were located.

Since the hearing on 16 October 2012, Finance has been advised of the movement of a staff member with a personal classification from one Minister's office to another Minister's office with a date of effect prior to 1 October 2012. As a result of the receipt by Finance of this additional information, the staffing information provided by Finance in relation to Personal Classifications at the hearing on 16 October 2012 requires updating. Accordingly, a revised document titled *Personal Classifications – 1 October 2012* is attached to this letter.

It would be appreciated if you could bring the attached information to the attention of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Secretary  
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**PERSONAL CLASSIFICATIONS – 1 OCTOBER 2012****REVISED**

These staff are paid at a higher classification level than the position against which they are held.

**Government**

As at 1 October 2012, the 33 **Government** staff with personal classifications were located in the following offices:

| <b>OFFICE</b>   | <b>NUMBER</b> |
|---|---------------|
| The Hon Julia Gillard MP<br>Prime Minister  | 4             |
| The Hon Wayne Swan MP<br>Treasurer (Deputy Prime Minister)  | 2             |
| Senator the Hon Chris Evans<br>Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research  | 1             |
| The Hon Simon Crean MP<br>Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government<br>Minister for the Arts           | 1             |
| The Hon Stephen Smith MP<br>Minister for Defence  | 1             |
| The Hon Chris Bowen MP<br>Minister for Immigration and Citizenship  | 2             |
| The Hon Anthony Albanese MP<br>Minister for Infrastructure and Transport  | 4             |
| The Hon Nicola Roxon MP<br>Attorney-General<br>Minister for Emergency Management  | 1             |
| The Hon Jenny Macklin MP<br>Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs<br>Minister for Disability Reform | 1             |
| The Hon Tony Burke MP<br>Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities                                    | 1             |
| Senator the Hon Penny Wong<br>Minister for Finance Deregulation   | 1             |
| Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig<br>Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry<br>Minister Assisting on Queensland Floods Recovery      | 1             |

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| <b>OFFICE</b>  | <b>NUMBER</b> |
|--|---------------|
| The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP<br>Minister for Health  | 1             |
| The Hon Bill Shorten MP<br>Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations<br>Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation   | 1             |
| Senator the Hon Kim Carr<br>Minister for Human Services  | 5             |
| The Hon Jason Clare MP<br>Minister for Home Affairs<br>Minister for Justice<br>Minister for Defence Materiel   | 3             |
| The Hon David Bradbury MP<br>Assistant Treasurer<br>Minister Assisting for Deregulation  | 1             |
| Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins<br>Parliamentary Secretary for School Education<br>and Workplace Relations   | 1             |
| The Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP<br>Cabinet Secretary<br>Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency<br>Parliamentary Secretary for Industry and Innovation | 1             |

The personal classifications are at the following levels (number of staff):

| <b>CLASSIFICATION</b>   | <b>NUMBER</b> |
|---|---------------|
| Assistant Adviser   | 2             |
| Adviser   | 9             |
| Senior Media Adviser 1 ( <i>formerly Senior Media Adviser</i> )     | 2             |
| Senior Adviser 1 ( <i>formerly Senior Adviser 1 (non-Cabinet)</i> ) | 1             |
| Senior Adviser 2 ( <i>formerly Senior Adviser 1 (Cabinet)</i> )     | 14            |
| Chief of Staff 2 ( <i>formerly Chief of Staff (Cabinet)</i> )       | 4             |
| Principal Adviser   | 1             |

## Opposition

As at 1 October 2012, the one **Opposition** staff member with a personal classification was located in the following office:

| OFFICE   | NUMBER |
|--|--------|
| The Hon Tony Abbott MP<br>Leader of the Opposition | 1      |

The personal classification is at the following level (number of staff):

| CLASSIFICATION | NUMBER |
|----------------|--------|
| Adviser        | 1      |

## Non-Government

As at 1 October 2012, the one **Non-Government** staff member with a personal classification was located in the following office:

| OFFICE                                    | NUMBER |
|---|--------|
| Mr Andrew Wilkie MP<br>Independent Member | 1      |

The personal classification is at the following level (number of staff):

| CLASSIFICATION | NUMBER |
|----------------|--------|
| Adviser        | 1      |