

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Question No. 115

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2009:

For each of the two years accounted for in table 2.1 on page 455 of the Portfolio Budget Statements, disaggregate staff with practicing certificates from other staff.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

CDPP lawyers are not required to hold practicing certificates to perform legal duties under the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1983*.

The average staffing level numbers in table 2.1 on page 455 of the Portfolio Budget Statements are forecasts, on a full-time equivalent basis. A table disaggregating these numbers between lawyers and other staff follows:

	2008-2009	2009-2010
Lawyers	331	326
Other staff	292	288
Total	623	614 **

*** Note: the 2009-2010 number is the corrected value, as per advice provided to the Committee on 27 May 2009 (see Hansard, page 25).*