

APPENDIX 4

STAFFING LEVELS AND NUMBERS FOR ROYAL COMMISSIONS AND COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY¹

At pages 154 and 155 of the Official Hansard Report, the Committee requested staffing details for all Royal Commissions and Inquiries which have occurred since 1970, "together with the positions and classifications."

2. The attached schedule, which shows the total establishment and classifications of the senior secretariat positions in respect of each of the Royal Commissions/Inquiries since 1970, has been prepared by the Department of Administrative Services. That Department has the responsibility of servicing Commissions and Inquiries.

3. Staff figures have not been included in the schedule as they would not give an accurate picture of staffing levels on Royal Commissions, which tend to peak and trough depending on the stage the Commission has reached. Staff levels are low at the beginning and conclusion of a Commission, but may rise to above establishment figures during busy periods, when the Department seconds staff to assist on a short-term basis. On the other hand, in some cases the number of personnel on the staff of a Commission may not at any one time be as high as the total establishment figure.

Commission	No. of positions	Level of top positions
Inquiry into the Viability of the Christmas Island Phosphate Industry	8	Secretary, Level 1, Clerk, Class 9 Clerk, Class 8
Commission of Inquiry into the Efficiency and Administration of Hospitals	16	Secretary, Level 3 Director (Research), Level 2 Clerk, Class 8
Royal Commission of Inquiry into Queensland Electoral Re-distribution	9	Secretary, Class 11 Clerk, Class 6
Australian Royal Commission of Inquiry into Drugs	56 (includes 16 in States)	Secretary, Level 3 Executive Secretary, Level 1 Clerk, Class 11
Royal Commission on Norfolk Island	7	Secretary, Level 1 Principal Research Officer, Class 8 Clerk, Class 5
Royal Commission on Alleged Payments to Maritime Unions	6	Secretary, Class 10 Project Officer, Class 9 Clerk, Class 6
Royal Commission into Intelligence and Security	11	Secretary, Level 3 Clerk, Class 11 Clerk, Class 9
Royal Commission on Human Relationships	22	Secretary, Level 2 Research Director, Class 11 Principal Research Officer, Class 8
Royal Commission on Australian Government Administration	44	Secretary, Level 3 Special Advisor, Level 3 Director (Research), Level 2
Maritime Industry Commission of Inquiry	9	Secretary, Level 3 Principal Project Officer, Class 11 Clerk, Class 9

1. *Office of the Public Service Board*, Letter, 24 September 1980.

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Royal Commission on Petroleum	11	Secretary, Level 3 Assistant Secretary, Level 1 (reduced to Senior Executive Officer, Class 10) Principal Project Officer, Class 11
Commission of Inquiry into Land Tenures	9	Secretary, Class 11 Assistant Secretary, Class 9 Principal Research Officer, Class 9
Independent Inquiry into F.M. Broadcasting	5	Secretary, Level 1 Clerk, Class 6
Australian Post Office Commission of Inquiry	9	Secretary, Level 3 Assistant Secretary, Class 11 Clerk, Class 8
Aboriginal Land Rights Commission	2	Secretary, Class 5 Senior Research Officer, Grade 2, Class 7