

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 2026-27

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program Group: Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Prime Minister's APH suite - artwork

Senator: Fatima Payman

Question reference number: 0804

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 17 July 2026

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Question:

Please provide an itemised list of artworks the Prime Minister has in his Ministerial Suite in Parliament House, identifying artist, title and medium.

Answer:

Questions regarding the collection of art in Parliament House are best directed to the Department of Parliamentary Services.

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Topic: Prime Minister's APH suite - assets

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Question:

Please identify the asset ID and date of arrival of any new assets that have been added to the Prime Minister's Parliament House suite (MG-8) including, but not limited to, scanners, fax machines, printers, digital cameras, laptops, desktop computers, monitors, photocopiers, televisions, smartphones, tablets, external hard drives, label printers and computer software since 1 January 2025.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provide a range of IT assets to MG-8 to support the Prime Minister's Office, including, but not limited to, laptops, printers, monitors, and video conferencing equipment.

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Group:	Governance & Corporate		
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Outcome/Program Group: Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Prime Minister's Office - staffing

Senator: Fatima Payman

Question reference number: 0806

Type of question: Written

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Question:

On staff:

1. How many people in the Office of the Prime Minister have had their employment terminated since 23 May 2022?
2. How many staff does the Prime Minister have based in:
 - a. Canberra?
 - b. Sydney?
3. How many staff have left the employment of the Office of the Prime Minister since 23 May 2022?
 - a. If available, please breakdown whether the conclusion of employment occurred as a result of resignation, end of contract or transfer to another office.

Answer:

Personal staff allocations are tabled by the Department of Finance at each round of Senate Estimates. Allocations as at 1 May 2026 were tabled during the 2025-26 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing and can be accessed via: https://www.aph.gov.au/-/media/Estimates/fpa/bud2627/Finance_Personal_Employee_Positions_1_May_2026.pdf

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Outcome/Program Group: Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Cabinet seating arrangement

Senator: Fatima Payman

Question reference number: 0807

Type of question: Written

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Question:

Please provide a copy of the seating arrangement for Cabinet.

Answer:

Consistent with longstanding practice, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not disclose information about the business and operations of Cabinet.

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Topic: National Security Committee meetings

Senator: Fatima Payman

Question reference number: 0808

Type of question: Written

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Question:

On the National Security Committee of Cabinet, how many times did the committee meet in:

1. 2026, to date?
2. 2025?
3. 2024?

Answer:

Refer to the response to Senate Estimates Question on Notice 1564 for Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025-26.

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