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Minister for Finance Leader of the Government in the Senate

Key Point

• MOP(S) Act employees can register their interest for temporary deployment to Australian Government agencies to support the response to COVID-19

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All Senators and Members All MOP(S) Act staff

DEPLOYMENT OF MOP(S) ACT EMPLOYEES TO AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCIES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

I would like to acknowledge the resilience and professionalism that all *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* employees have displayed to support the Australian community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Consistent with the Prime Minister's directive to the Australian Public Service, subject to agreement of the employing parliamentarian, I have granted approval for MOP(S) Act employees to be able to register their interest to be temporarily deployed to Australian Government agencies to assist with delivering critical government functions.

These deployments will be managed by the Department of Finance as short-term secondments. Finance will collate the expressions of interest and provide a register to the APS Workforce Management Taskforce in the APSC, who will coordinate and manage secondments to match available secondees with relevant agencies. Inclusion on the register does not guarantee a secondment.

Employees will retain their current pay conditions and will remain employees of their parliamentarian. Whilst on secondment MOP(S) Act staff must observe the APS Values and Code of Conduct requirements.

Further information regarding the administrative arrangements and requirements will be available on the MaPS website. Additional information can be found at the APS Workforce Management Taskforce FAQs or by contacting mpshelp@finance.gov.au.

Kind regards

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