

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - 16 FEBRUARY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Contractors

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Senator: Humphries

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Question:

- a) How many contractors are currently employed in the department/agency?
- b) How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 2 years?
- c) How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 5 years?
- d) How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 10 years?
- e) Does the department/agency make a habit of employing contractors to fill positions on a permanent basis?

Answer:

- a) to d) Accurate figures on contractors cannot be provided as these people are engaged through a contract for the delivery of a service. This contract is with a company rather than an individual and both the number of personnel and the individual personnel provided often vary over the contract period, depending on project requirements. To prepare a response based on specific individuals would require considerable manual analysis, which would represent an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- e) No.