

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

- a) Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency in the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and financial year to date.
- b) Identify the different level and how many are permanent positions.

Answer:

From 1 July 2011, the Department of Human Services (DHS) included the former agencies of Centrelink, Medicare Australia, the Child Support Program and CRS Australia. The information provided in the following answers is based on the agency arrangements that were in place in the relevant years.

- a) The following tables list the number of SES employees as reported in Annual Reports. Annual Reports publish the numbers of SES employees who normally occupy their positions as at 30 June each year. While the treatment varied across agencies, non-SES employees acting as SES were not usually included.

Medicare Australia	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
SES B1	41	39	35	32
SES B2	11	9	8	9
SES B3	2	2	2	2
Centrelink	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
SES B1	63	64	68	69
SES B2	12	14	11	15
SES B3	3	3	3	4
DHS	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
SES B1	19	43	36	37
SES B2	5	13	12	14
SES B3	2	3	3	3
Child Support Agency	2007-2008	Reported under DHS from 2008-2009		
SES B1	21			
SES B2	5			
SES B3	1			
CRS Australia	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
SES B1	2	2	2	3
SES B2	1	1	1	2
SES B3	0	0	0	0
DHS	Portfolio agencies integrated – 1 July 2011			1.7.2011 - 29.2.2012
SES B1				149
SES B2				34
SES B3				9

- b) Data included in part (a) provides the number and level of SES employees within the former agencies and the current department. The information requested on the number of permanent positions for the period from 2007-2011 would involve extensive data interrogation and reconciliation from redundant systems. The table provided in (a) for the 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012 period shows the numbers of permanent SES Officers at that point in time.