

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2016-17 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Question No: SQ16-000349

Topic: Contracts and Consultancies

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Senator Jenny McAllister asked:

For the 2015-16 financial year, please outline:

- a) How many staff were employed through labour hire arrangements
- b) Total expenditure on labour hire staff
- c) The contractors or labour hire firms engaged to supply these staff
- d) Total payments to each of the organisations that provided staff through either a labour hire arrangement or other contractual arrangement
- e) The nature of the work performed by labour hire staff.

Answer:

For the 2015-16 financial year:

- a) Approximately 700 staff were employed through labour hire arrangements;
- b) Expenditure was approximately \$147 million;
- c) and d) Details of contracts entered into by the Department of Social Services in 2015-16 valued at \$10,000 or more, are publicly available on the AusTender website (<https://www.tenders.gov.au/>); and
- e) Individuals were engaged to undertake operational work under temporary external labour hire arrangements.