

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY: COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION

TOPIC: Communications and Government Affairs

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: SI-106

- 1) How many staff (by headcount and EFTSL) are in the communications group?
- 2) How many staff (by headcount and EFTSL) are in the government affairs group?
- 3) Where are the staff for these groups located?
- 4) How many of these staff are contractors?
- 5) How many are casual employees?
- 6) How do these numbers differ from 1 July 2015, 1 February 2016 and 1 October 2016?

ANSWER

CSIRO does not have a formal “Government Affairs” function. As a consequence, the data provided within this answer under the term “Government Affairs” relates to staff employed in CSIRO’s Ministerial and Parliamentary Liaison Office, which has a primary focus on supporting CSIRO’s Minister and CSIRO’s interaction with the Parliament, and officers with the Science Excellence and Government group who focus on CSIRO’s involvement in science and innovation policy.

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Site As at 1 November 2016	Communications		Government Affairs	
	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE
ACT	10	8.6	7	6.6
NSW	22	18.7	2	0.75
QLD	16	14.4	0	0
SA	3	3	0	0
TAS	2	2	0	0
VIC	20	17.7	0	0
WA	1	0.6	0	0
Grand Total	74	65	9	7.35

4. As at 1 November 2016, there was one contractor employed in the Communications function. No contractors were employed in “Government Affairs”.

5. As at 1 November 2016, there was one casual member of staff employed in the Communications function. No casual staff were employed in “Government Affairs”.

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Communications	1 July 2015		1 February 2016		1 October 2016	
	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE
ACT	16	15	16	15	10	8.6
NSW	22	18.6	27	23.4	22	18.7
QLD	12	9.9	12	10.4	20	17.4
SA	2	2	2	2	3	3
TAS	2	2	2	2	2	2
VIC	22	19.6	24	21.4	20	17.7
WA	3	2.2	1	0.6	1	0.6
Grand Total	79	69.3	84	74.8	78	68.0

Communications	1 July 2015		1 February 2016		1 October 2016	
	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE
Contractor	1	1	0	0	1	1
Casual	1	NA	0	NA	1	NA

Government Affairs	1 July 2015		1 February 2016		1 October 2016	
	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE
ACT	6	5.9	6	5.9	7	6.6
NSW	2	0.75	2	0.75	2	0.75
Grand Total	8	6.65	8	6.65	9	7.35