

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES (SUPPLEMENTARY HEARINGS) 2013-2014**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

**Outcome/Program:**

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

**Topic:** Communications Staff

**Senator:** Senator Ludwig

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**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

- (1) For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:
  - a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
  - b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
  - c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.
  - d. How many are graphic designers?
  - e. How many are media managers?
  - f. How many organise events?
  
- (2) Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?

**Answer:**

- (1) The Office employs one Canberra-based ongoing Executive Level 1 staff member who undertakes a variety of media and public affairs related tasks in consultation and liaison with other office staff.

The Office does not employ any non-ongoing staff or contractors to undertake public

relations, communications or media activities.

The Office does not employ graphic designer, media manager or event organiser staff.

(2) The Office does not have any independent media studios.