

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, November 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of National Assessments

**Outcome/Program:** 1

**Topic:** Recruitment

**Senator:** Senator Wong

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**Question:**

What steps have been taken to implement the arrangements outlined in the Australian Public Service Commission document “interim arrangements for recruitment in the Australian Public Service – guidance for agencies”?

**ONA Response:**

ONA has complied fully with the new arrangements. All current recruitment processes that had not resulted in an offer of employment at the time of the new arrangements were suspended.

ONA has submitted requests for the APS Commissioner's agreement to reinstate 5 essential vacancies that were in train before the arrangements came into force.

ONA has written to the APS Commissioner seeking endorsement to continue to engage 5 casual staff.