

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Portfolio

Question No. 133

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:

Staffing

Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Australian Government Solicitor

As AGS is a government business enterprise operating on a commercial and competitive basis in providing legal and related services to government and its agencies, it is not subject to the *Public Service Act 1999* and its employees are not Australian Public Service (APS) employees. AGS has a broadband classification structure which is significantly different to that for APS agencies. AGS's most senior employees are classified as either Senior Executive Lawyers (if working in a legal capacity) or Senior Executives (if working in a business support role). For the purposes of answering this question, these senior employees are referred to as 'SES equivalents'. AGS has a higher proportion of 'SES equivalent' roles than might be expected for an average APS agency due to the highly specialised nature of the legal services AGS provides to the Commonwealth.

As at 30 April 2012, AGS had 129 full-time equivalent (FTE) 'SES equivalents'. There are no levels within the 'SES equivalent' group. Of the 129 SES equivalents, 127 were ongoing, 1 was on a fixed term contract, and 1 was engaged on a casual basis.

See table below for remaining responses.

Department/Agency	SESB1		SESB2		SESB3		TOTAL
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Attorney-General's Department	59	0	17	0	4	0	80
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Australian Crime Commission	11	1*	3	0	1	0	16
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service	37	1	8	0	2	0	48
Australian Federal Police	60	1	17	0	4	0	82
Australian Human Rights Commission	2	0	1	0	0	0	2
Australian Institute of Criminology	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Australian Law Reform Commission	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	41	10	13	5	2	0	70
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	8	1	2	0	0	0	11
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	39	0	6	0	1	0	46
CrimTrac	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Family Court of Australia	5	0	3	0	0	0	8
Federal Court	7	0	3	0	0	0	7
Federal Magistrates Court of Australia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
High Court of Australia						4	4
Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
National Native Title Tribunal	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Office of Parliamentary Counsel	9	0	6	0	0	0	15
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	3	0	0	0	0	0	3

*The functions of the temporary SES position are currently being absorbed by another ongoing SES position.