

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 361

Program No. Corporate

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Communications Staff

Senator Ludwig asked:

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?

Answer:

As at 31 January 2014, there were:

- a. Eleven ongoing FTE staff in the Department engaged in public relations, communications and media. Classifications: 2 EL2 Public Affairs Managers; 6 EL1 Public Affairs; 1 APS6 Communication Adviser; and 2 APS5 Communication Advisers. Two ongoing EL1 and one APS5 Public Affairs Officers based in Sydney, with remaining staff based in Canberra.
- b. Five non-ongoing FTE staff engaged in public affairs, communications and media: 1 EL2 Public Affairs Manager; 1 EL1 Public Affairs; 3 Communication Advisers (APS 6) with two of these officers are based in Canberra and one based in Perth.
- c. Two media and public affairs contractors, at the EL2 and EL1 level based in Canberra.
- d. Two FTE staff were graphic designers.
- e. One FTE was a media manager.
- f. Five staff in the Media team (1 ongoing FTE and 4 non-ongoing FTE) assisted in coordinating events with other areas of the Department as at 31 January 2014.