

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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Question

Staffing - recruitment and classification

How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer

The Department recruited 224 ongoing employees for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013. The table below shows the number of ongoing employees recruited by classification level.

| Classification | Number of Ongoing Staff Recruited |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| APS 1 | 2 |
| APS3 | 24 |
| APS4 | 29 |
| APS5 | 26 |
| APS6 | 31 |
| EL1 | 33 |
| EL2 | 6 |
| Principal Government Lawyer (EL2) | 3 |
| Senior Government Lawyer (EL1) | 3 |
| GRAD APS3 | 40 |
| IAGDAPS3 | 23 |
| SES Band 1 | 2 |
| SES Band 2 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 224 |

The Department recruited 128 non-ongoing employees for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013. The table below shows the number of non-ongoing employees recruited by classification level.

| Classification | Number of Non-Ongoing Staff Recruited |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| APS1 | 4 |
| APS2 | 7 |
| APS3 | 29 |
| APS4 | 23 |
| APS5 | 15 |
| APS6 | 23 |
| EL1 | 25 |
| EL2 | 1 |
| Principal Government Lawyer (EL2) | 1 |
| TOTAL | 128 |

At 1 July 2012, the Department had 127 non-ongoing contracts in place. Over the period 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013, a further 128 non-ongoing contracts were raised. As at 31 May 2013, the Department had 83 non-ongoing contracts remaining.

Over the period 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013, the Department's business was supported by 255 non-ongoing contracts. The average duration of these contracts was 231.89 calendar days.