

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**Agency - Australian Research Council**

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**Senator Carr asked on 20 November 2013 , Hansard page 38**

**Question**

**ARC - Research sector Executive contracts**

Ms Harvey: So our executive directors that we pull from the research sector are on non-ongoing contracts of course. We have 120 ongoing staff and nine non-ongoing staff. That is the headcount. Senator KIM CARR: Is the ARC covered by the directive from the Public Service Commission that all non-ongoing contracts should cease at the end of the current term? Ms Harvey: Yes. We are an FMA Agency. Senator KIM CARR: When does your contract come to an end, Professor? Prof. Byrne: In 3½ years, I suspect. Senator KIM CARR: This current fad might come to an end by then. You can live in hope, I suppose. Prof. Byrne: I think my contract comes to an end anyway, Senator Carr. Senator KIM CARR: How many of the nine come up this year? Ms Harvey: Four is my understanding, but I am happy to take that on notice.

**Answer**

The Australian Research Council has provided the following response.

Four non-ongoing staff will complete their contracts by the end of 2013–2014 financial year.