

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee:  
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2014–15  
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio  
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<b>Department</b>	Parliamentary Budget Office
<b>Topic</b>	Graduate Program
<b>Senator</b>	Senator Wong
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<b>Type of question</b>	Written

**Question**

- 1 How many applicants applied for the agency's 2014 graduate program? How many were accepted?
- 2 What is the anticipated intake of graduates for the beginning of the 2015 year?
- 3 Is this a reduction from the previous year? If so, what are the reasons for the decrease in the graduate intake?
- 4 Have any Government decisions affected the level of graduate intake in the agency?

**Answer**

- 1 The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) participates in the Parliament of Australia Graduate Program, run in conjunction with the Department of the House of Representatives and the Department of the Senate. This program offers short-term placements in the participating parliamentary departments to existing Australian Public Service employees. The PBO reimburses the participant's home agency for the associated salary costs at the conclusion of the placement. The PBO received 21 applications for the 2014 graduate program. Three of these applicants were offered short-term placements in the PBO.
- 2 The PBO anticipates that three placements will be offered again in 2015.
- 3 No.
- 4 No.