



15 September 2021

Senator Tim Ayres
Chair, Finance and Public Administration References Committee
The Senate
Parliament of Australia

INQUIRY INTO THE CURRENT CAPABILITY OF THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE

Dear Senator Ayres,

The Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade) submits the following response to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Reference Committee inquiry into the current capability of the Australian Public Service.

We are unable to differentiate between labour hire staff and other contractors – these are reported together below. All contractors and labour hire staff are assumed to be full time.

A headcount and full time equivalent (FTE) for APS staff has been provided as at 1 July in the table below.

	Headcount	FTE	
APS Classification	779	754	
Ongoing	559	543.7	
Non-ongoing	220	210.3	
Contractors	66	66	
	845	820	

1. The percentage of staff engaged through labour hire arrangements as a percentage of our total headcount was 7.8 per cent.
2. The total value of onshore contracts entered into between 1 January 2021 and 30 June 2021 was \$10,212,461. This value was for 85 contracts in total.

Should you have further questions, I would be pleased to respond.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Donelly

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