

Senate Standing Committees on Finance and Public Administration

The current capability of the Australian Public Service (APS)

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Social Services Portfolio
Services Australia

Topic: Staffing breakdown

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Member: Tim Ayres

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Question:

CHAIR: I appreciate that evidence about last year, and I think you gave some more detailed evidence to a question on notice from, I think, Senator O'Neill, which dealt with some of those issues. Your answer sits comfortably with some of that information. It would be of value to the committee—on notice, of course—for the 2020-21, 2019-20 and 2018-19 years, for you to set out how many full-time APS staff, at the APS levels and the EL levels, and how many non-ongoing and labour hire staff there were in each of those years. I think that would give the committee a reasonable baseline for those three years and would be of assistance.

Mr Nelson: Yes, I'll take that on notice.

Answer:

A summary of the 2019-20 and 2018-19 years APS workforce information is available in the relevant Services Australia Annual Reports.

As the 2020-21 Annual Report is yet to be released, the table below displays the Services Australia's workforce headcount for the 2020-21 year (as at 30 June 2021).

APS CLASSIFICATION	APS Ongoing - Full Time	APS Ongoing - Part Time	APS Non-Ongoing (including casual employees)
APS Trainee (includes Trainees, Graduates, Cadets and Apprentices)	330	16	0
APS 1	48	11	1
APS 2	47	19	0
APS 3	1,624	691	5,502
APS 4	5,337	3,940	1,345
APS 5	3,224	868	180
APS 6	4,726	1,437	72
EL 1	2,767	407	13
EL 2	1,172	74	4
Total Headcount as at 30 June 2021	19,275	7,463	7,117

The labour hire/contractor headcount is:

30 June 2021	30 June 2020	30 June 2019
4,269	7,103	5,283