

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programmes      Question No: SQ16-000030**

**Topic: Contracts for Temporary Staff**

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**Senator Joe Ludwig asked:**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?
2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?
3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?
4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?

**Answer:**

1. The Department has spent a total of \$972,416 on non-ongoing employees for the period 14 September 2015 to 31 December 2015.
- 2- 3. See response to SQ16-000020.
4. To answer this question would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.
5. No.