

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Contracts for Temporary Staff

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

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) To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
- 2) The total number of Department of Health new non-ongoing and casual engagements since 14 September 2015, until 31 January 2016, is 78. In relation to contract staff, to attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
- 3) As at 31 January 2016, 338 non-ongoing staff are currently employed by the Department of Health. In relation to contract staff, to attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
- 4) To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
- 5) No.