

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Non Ongoing Contract Extension

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Lundy, Kate

Question:

1. Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts has your department/agency extended?
2. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department/agency submit the Public Service Commission for approval?
3. How many of these extensions were approved by the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC)?
4. For every approved extension please provide the following details:
 - a) The employees age.
 - b) Their gender.
 - c) A description of their position.
 - d) Their APS classification level.
 - e) Their wage.
 - f) Where they are located.
 - g) Their length of continuous employment at the APS.
 - h) The length of the approved extension.
 - i) The reason why the extension was submitted.
 - j) The reason why the extension was approved by the APSC.
 - k) Please provide all relevant dates.
5. How many of these extensions were rejected by the APSC?
 - a) For every rejected extension please provide the following details:
 - b) The employee's age.
 - c) Their gender.
 - d) A description of their position.
 - e) Their wage.
 - f) Where they were located.
 - g) Their length of continuous employment at the APS.
 - h) The length of the extension sought by the department/agency.
 - i) The reason why the extension was submitted.

j) The reason why the extension was rejected by the APSC.

k) Please provide all relevant dates.

6. Since 18 September 2013, how many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department/agency without the APSC's approval?

a) For every unapproved extension please provide the following details:

b) The employee's age.

c) Their gender.

d) A description of their position.

e) Their wage.

f) Their position's APS level classification.

g) Where they were located.

h) Their length of continuous employment at the APS.

i) The length of the extension granted by the department/agency.

j) The reason why the extension was granted.

k) Whether the extension was submitted to the APSC for approval and if not why the extension was not submitted for APSC approval?

l) The reasons why the extension was granted without the APSC's approval.

m) Please provide all relevant dates.

7. Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension?

8. For every non-ongoing contract that has expired without extension please provide the following details:

a) The employee's age.

b) Their gender.

c) A description of their position.

d) Their wage.

e) Their position's APS level classification.

f) Where they were located.

g) Their length of continuous employment at the APS.

h) The reason why the extension was not sought for their position.

i) Please provide all relevant dates.

Answer:

In the Department of Health, including Therapeutic Goods Administration Trust, National Industrial Chemical Notification and Assessment Scheme and Office of Gene Technology Regulator; between 18 September 2013 and 31 May 2014:

1. 151 employees have had their non-ongoing contract extended.

2. Nil – not required to be submitted to the APSC for approval.

3. Nil – not required to be submitted to the APSC for approval.

4. N/a

5. Nil – not required to be submitted to the APSC for approval.

6. See answer 1. above. APSC approval is not required.
7. 185 non ongoing employees have had their contract expire.
8. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.