

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: New non ongoing contracts

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

1. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your department/agency on non-ongoing contracts?
2. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the APSC for approval?
3. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the APSC?
4. For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:
 - a) Their age.
 - b) Their gender.
 - c) A description of their position.
 - d) Their wage.
 - e) Where their position is located.
 - f) Their position's APS level classification.
 - g) The length of their non-ongoing contract.
 - h) Whether their position was advertised externally.
 - i) The reason for engaging this new employee.
 - j) The reason given by the APSC for approving this engagement.
 - k) Please provide all relevant dates.
5. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?
6. For every rejected new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:
 - a) Their age.
 - b) Their gender.
 - c) A description of their position.
 - d) Where their position is located.
 - e) Their wage.

- f) Their position's APS level classification.
- g) The length of their non-ongoing contract.
- h) Whether their position was advertised externally.
- i) The reason for engaging this new employee.
- j) The reason given by the APSC for rejecting this engagement.
- k) Please provide all relevant dates.

7. Since 18 September 2013, how many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?

8. For every unapproved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:

- a) Their age.
- b) Their gender.
- c) A description of their position.
- d) Their wage.
- e) Where their position is located.
- f) Their position's APS level classification.
- g) The length of their non-ongoing contract.
- h) Whether their position was advertised externally.
- i) The reason for engaging this new employee.
- j) The reason for engaging this employee without the APSC's approval.
- k) 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. 50 employees have been engaged on a new non-ongoing contract.
- 2. Nil – not required to be submitted to the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) for approval.
- 3. Nil – not required to be submitted to the APSC for approval.
- 4. Not applicable.
- 5. Nil – not required to be submitted to the APSC for approval.
- 6. Not applicable.
- 7. See answer 1 above. APSC approval is not required.
- 8. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.