

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2013 - 2014, 2/3 June 2014**

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**OUTCOME:** 0 - Whole of Portfolio

**Topic:** Ongoing Engagements

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Lundy, Kate

**Question:**

1. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your department/agency on ongoing contracts?
2. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval?
3. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?
4. For every approved new engagement of an 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 ongoing contract.
  - h) Whether their position was advertised externally.
  - i) The reason for engaging this new employee.
  - j) The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement.
  - k) Please provide all relevant dates.
5. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?
6. For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission 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 ongoing contract.
- h) Whether their position was advertised externally.
- i) The reason for engaging this new employee.
- j) The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement.
- k) Please provide all relevant dates.

7. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?

8. For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval 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 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 permission.
- 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 an ongoing basis.
- 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.