

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 2/3 June 2014**

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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:**

1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since 7 September 2013?
2. How many temporary or contract staff were employed since 7 September 2013?
3. How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed?
4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
5. How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff?
6. What policies/criteria govern the appointment of Contract staff?
7. How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?

**Answer:**

1. to 7.

To attempt to scope this information across the Department would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.