Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES - 20 OCTOBER 2011 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Portfolio Staffing – 2011-12

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Senator: McKenzie

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Question:

a) How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD?

- b) What classification are these staff?
- c) How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD?
- d) This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer:

- a) 317 (to 30 September 2011).
- b) Number of engagements ongoing from external sources in the period 1 July 2011 to 30 September 2011

| Classification | Department Total |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Other (Trainees/Graduates/Cadets) | 41 |
| APS 1 | 7 |
| APS 2 | 9 |
| APS 3 | 73 |
| APS 4 | 43 |
| APS 5 | 29 |
| APS 6 | 33 |
| Executive Level 1 | 45 |
| Executive Level 2 | 26 |
| Senior Executive Service B1 | 8 |
| Senior Executive Service B2 | 1 |
| Senior Executive Service B3 | 2 |
| Total | 317 |

- c) The department records the number of temporary appointments (non-ongoing employees). However, these temporary appointments can fill either a temporary position or a permanent position (i.e. temporarily replacing the position's substantive holder). The department is unable to segment which of these appointments are to specifically fill temporary positions.
- d) 551 (to 30 September 2011), 57 days.