

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 129

Topic: Contracts for Temporary Staff

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?
2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?
3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?
4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?

Answer:

Department of Social Services

1. To answer this question would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.
2. Please refer to the answer to Supplementary Estimates question number 161.
3. As at 31 August 2014, 37 temporary non-ongoing staff were employed in DSS.
4. To answer this question would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.
5. No.

NOTE: Aged Care Commissioner/Aged Care Pricing Commissioner

Response included in DSS response

Australian Aged Care Quality Agency

1. Approximately \$60,000 was spent on temporary or contract staff since the 4 June Budget Estimates to 31 August 2014.
2. Nine temporary or contract staff have been employed since the 4 June Budget Estimates to 31 August 2014.
3. As at 31 August 2014, ten temporary or contract staff were employed.
4. Nil.
5. No.

Australian Institute of Family Studies

1. \$15,257 was spent on temporary or contract staff.
2. One temporary or contract staff member has been employed
3. As at 31 August 2014, one temporary or contract staff was employed.
4. Nil.
5. No.

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National Disability Insurance Agency

1. \$1,790,656 (GST exclusive) was spent on temporary or contract staff from Budget Estimates to 31 August 2014.
2. Thirteen temporary or contract staff have been employed from Budget Estimates to 31 August 2014.
3. As at 31 August 2014, there were 23 temporary or contract staff employed by the National Disability Insurance Agency.
4. Nil.
5. No.

Social Security Appeals Tribunal

1. SSAT has had no expenditure on temporary or contract staff since Budget Estimates in June 2014 to 31 August 2014.