

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 374**

**Program No. Corporate**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Staffing recruitment**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. How many ongoing staff recruited from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?
2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?
3. From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

**Answer:**

1. Nine ongoing staff have been recruited in the period 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014, as shown in the table below:

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Number of staff</b>
Graduate	8
EL1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

2. Including casual positions, a total of 44 non-ongoing positions existed at 1 November 2013 reducing to 36 at 31 January 2014, as shown in the table below:

<b>Classification</b>	<b>At 1/11/2013</b>	<b>At 31/01/2014</b>
APS1		2
APS3	2	1
APS4	13	12
APS5	6	3
APS6	8	5
EL1	7	7
EL2	6	4
SESB1	1	1
SESB3	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>36</b>

3. From 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014, six employees have been employed on non-ongoing contracts, with an average length of employment period of 0.38 months.