

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

Question No: 159
Hearing: Additional Estimates
Outcome: Corporate
Programme: Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)
Topic: Contracts for temporary staff
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Question Date: 19 February 2016
Question Type: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

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:

The Department

1. The number and cost of temporary or contract staff are managed at the divisional level and there is no central mechanism to capture the information requested. Answering this question would require a direct enquiry of all staff which would represent a significant diversion of resources.
2. Between 14 September 2015 and 31 December 2015 199 non-ongoing employees have been employed.
3. As at 31 December 2015 the Department of the Environment had 544 non-ongoing employees.
4. The number and cost of temporary or contract staff are managed at the divisional level and there is no central mechanism to capture the information requested. Answering this question would require a direct enquiry of all staff which would represent a significant diversion of resources.
5. No.

Bureau of Meteorology

1. \$6,186,451.10
2. 17

3. 211
4. Nil.
5. No.

Climate Change Authority

1. Nil.
2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.
4. Not applicable.
5. No.

Clean Energy Finance Corporation

1. \$83,715 since 15 September 2015
2. 3 to 19 February 2016.
3. 2.
4. \$23,126.
5. There have been no changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff.

Clean Energy Regulator

1. \$1,780,532 (GST inclusive)
2. Between 14 September 2015 and 31 December 2015 19 contract staff have been employed.
3. As at 31 December 2015 the Clean Energy Regulator had 25 contracted employees.
4. \$38,270.23 (GST inclusive)
5. No.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

1. \$309,294.15
2. Ten.
3. Two.
4. Nil
5. Nil

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

1. \$962,147.00. The previous financial amount advised (Supplementary Budget Estimates October 2014) did not include non-ongoing contract employees.
2. Two.
3. 51.
4. \$2,766.45.
5. No.