

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

Question No: 197
Hearing: Additional Estimates
Outcome: Corporate
Programme: Policy Analysis and Implementation (PAAI)
Topic: Communications staff
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Question Type: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:

1. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
2. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
3. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
4. How many are graphic designers?
5. How many are media managers?
6. How many organise events?

Have these arrangements changed since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015? If yes, please detail.

Answer:

1. The Department of the Environment (the Department) and its Portfolio Agency's communications staff contribute to the presentation and communication of policy and programmes materials and provide a range of internal and external communications services such as the development of communication strategies and plans, stakeholder engagement activities, media and social media liaison, monitoring and engagement, liaison with the offices of the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary, public relations, issues management, events management, sponsorship management, publication development and advertising advice.

The Department and Portfolio Agencies have a combination of Public Affairs Officers and APS classified staff to deliver public relations work.

Unless otherwise indicated, the following figures are expressed as full time equivalent ongoing staff and are current as at 8 February 2016.

<i>The Department (Canberra)</i>	<i>22 in total</i>
Senior Public Affairs Director Grade 2	1
Senior Public Affairs Director Grade 1	2
Public Affairs Officer Grade 3	8 (2 part time)

Public Affairs Officer Grade 2	5 (1 part time)
Executive Level 1	1
APS 6	2
APS 5	3
<i>The Department (Hobart)</i>	<i>7 in total</i>
Executive Level 2	1
Public Affairs Officer Grade 3	1
APS 6	4 (1 part time)
APS 5	1
<i>Parks Australia and Director of National Parks (Canberra)</i>	<i>1 in total</i>
Public Affairs Officer Grade 2	1
<i>Parks Australia and Director of National Parks (Kakadu/ Uluru-Kata Tjuta)</i>	<i>2 in total</i>
APS 6	1
APS 5	1
<i>Australian Renewable Energy Agency (Canberra)</i>	<i>3 in total</i>
Executive Level 2	1
Executive Level 1	2
<i>Bureau of Meteorology (Adelaide)</i>	<i>1 in total</i>
Executive Level 2	1
<i>NB: Staff numbers as per 31 December 2015. Staff on Temporary Assignment of Duties are included under non-ongoing.</i>	
<i>Bureau of Meteorology (Canberra)</i>	<i>1 in total</i>
Executive Level 2	1
<i>NB: Staff numbers as per 31 December 2015. Staff on Temporary Assignment of Duties are included under non-ongoing.</i>	
<i>Bureau of Meteorology (Hobart)</i>	<i>1 in total</i>
Executive Level 1	1

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Bureau of Meteorology (Melbourne)	14 in total
Executive Level 2	4 (1 part time)
Executive Level 1	6 (2 part time)
APS 6	3 (1 part time)
APS 5	1

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Bureau of Meteorology (Perth)	1 in total
Executive Level 1	1

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Clean Energy Finance Corporation	2 in total
Non-Executive	1 part time (Sydney)
Non-Executive	1 part time (Brisbane)

Clean Energy Regulator	13 in total
Executive Level 2	1
Executive Level 1	6
APS 6	4
APS 5	2

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (Townsville)	9 in total
Executive Level 2	1
Executive Level 1	2
APS 6	2
APS 5	2
APS 4	1
APS 2	1 (part time)

2. Unless otherwise indicated, the following figures are expressed as full time equivalent non-ongoing staff and are current as at 8 February 2016.

The Department (Canberra)	1 in total
Public Affairs Officer Grade 3	1

Parks Australia and Director of National Parks (Canberra)	4 in total
Public Affairs Officer Grade 2	2
Public Affairs Officer Grade 1	1
APS 6	1
Australian Renewable Energy Agency (Canberra)	1 in total
Executive Level 2	1
Bureau of Meteorology (Brisbane)	1 in total
Executive Level 1	1
<i>NB: Staff numbers as per 31 December 2015. Staff on Temporary Assignment of Duties are included under non-ongoing.</i>	
Bureau of Meteorology (Canberra)	1 in total
Executive Level 1	1
<i>NB: Staff numbers as per 31 December 2015. Staff on Temporary Assignment of Duties are included under non-ongoing.</i>	
Bureau of Meteorology (Darwin)	1 in total
Executive Level 1	1
<i>NB: Staff numbers as per 31 December 2015. Staff on Temporary Assignment of Duties are included under non-ongoing.</i>	
Bureau of Meteorology (Melbourne)	12 in total
Executive Level 1	6
APS 6	4
APS 5	2
<i>NB: Staff numbers as per 31 December 2015. Staff on Temporary Assignment of Duties are included under non-ongoing.</i>	
Bureau of Meteorology (Sydney)	1 in total
Executive Level 1	1
<i>NB: Staff numbers as per 31 December 2015. Staff on Temporary Assignment of Duties are included under non-ongoing.</i>	
Clean Energy Regulator (Canberra)	3 in total
Executive Level 1	1
APS 6	1
APS 5	1
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (Townsville)	1 in total
APS 3	1

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (Sydney)	7 in total
SES Band 1	1
Executive Level 1	1
APS 6	4
APS 3	1

3. Unless otherwise indicated, the following figures are expressed as full time equivalent contractors and are current at 8 February 2016.

The Department (Canberra)	1 in total
APS 6	1

Bureau of Meteorology (Adelaide)	1 in total
Executive Level 1	1 (part time)

NB: Staff numbers as per 31 December 2015.

Bureau of Meteorology (Melbourne)	3 in total
APS 5	1 (part time)
APS 2	2 (1 part time)

NB: Staff numbers as per 31 December 2015. Staff on Temporary Assignment of Duties are included under non-ongoing.

Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Sydney)	1 in total
Internal Consultant	1

4. Unless otherwise indicated, the following figures are expressed as full time equivalent graphic designers, are current at 8 February 2016 and are **not additional** to the figures provided under questions (2), (3) or (4).

The Department (Canberra)	3 in total
APS 6	1 (part time)
APS 5	2 (1 part time)

Bureau of Meteorology (Melbourne)	3 in total
APS 5	3 (1 part time)

NB: Staff numbers as per 31 December 2015.

Clean Energy Regulator (Canberra)	1 in total
APS 5	1

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (Townsville)	1 in total
APS 4	1

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (Sydney)	1 in total
APS 3	1

Parks Australia and Director of National Parks

1 in total

(Canberra)

APS 6

1

5. The Environment Portfolio engages **no additional** communications staff to undertake media management responsibilities. 16 communication staff already identified in questions (2), (3) or (4) also have media management related responsibilities.
6. The Environment Portfolio engages **no additional** communication staff to undertake event management responsibilities. 25 communication staff already identified in questions (2), (3) or (4) also have event management related responsibilities.

Since 14 September 2015, only arrangements for the Bureau of Meteorology communication staff have changed – including the cessation of Temporary Assignment of Duties, appointment of staff in ongoing positions and transfer of staff. All these changes were made in response to standard operational needs.