

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
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**Question No: 121**

**Program No. Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Contract extensions**

**Senator Lundy asked:**

1. Since 18 September 2013, how many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?
2. For every unapproved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:
  - a. Their age.
  - b. Their gender.
  - c. A description of their position.
  - d. Their wage.
  - e. Where their position is located.
  - f. Their position's APS level classification.
  - g. The length of their non-ongoing contract.
  - h. Whether their position was advertised externally.
  - i. The reason for engaging this new employee.
  - j. The reason for engaging this employee without the APSC's approval.
  - k. Please provide all relevant dates

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**Answer:**

1. Six employees have been engaged on new non-ongoing contracts during the period 18 September 2013 to 30 April 2014, without the approval of the APSC.

2. Details of the six non-ongoing contracts engagements are as follows:

<b>No.</b>	<b>a. Age Group</b>	<b>b. Gender</b>	<b>c. Position description</b>	<b>d. Salary per annum (FTE)</b>	<b>e. Location</b>	<b>f. APS level</b>	<b>g. Length of non-ongoing contract (in months)</b>	<b>h. Was the position advertised externally?</b>	<b>i. Reason for engagement</b>	<b>j. Reason for engaging without APSC approval</b>	<b>k. Relevant dates (contract start date)</b>	<b>k. Relevant dates (contract end date)</b>
1	25-34	Female	Economist	80623	Melbourne	APS 6	12	No	Assessed as business critical	Not required under APSC interim arrangements	25-Nov-13	25-Nov-14
2	35-44	Female	Project Officer	76767	Melbourne	APS 6	6	No	Assessed as business critical	Not required under APSC interim arrangements	5-Feb-14	5-Aug-14
3	25-34	Male	Economist	80623	Melbourne	APS 6	12	No	Assessed as business critical	Not required under APSC interim arrangements	21-Nov-13	21-Nov-14
4	25-34	Female	Policy	86738	Brisbane	APS	3	No	Assessed as	Not required	4-Nov-13	31-Jan-14

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			Officer			6			business critical	under APSC interim arrangements		
5	55-64	Female	Project Officer	86738	Sydney	APS 6	5	No	Assessed as business critical	Not required under APSC interim arrangements	23-Dec-13	22-May-14
6	25-34	Male	Policy Officer	86738	Canberra	APS 6	12	No	Assessed as business critical	Not required under APSC interim arrangements	31-Mar-14	27-Mar-15