

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Australian Communications and Media Authority

Question No: 122

Program No. Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Contract extensions

Senator Lundy asked:

1. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your Department/Agency on ongoing contracts?
2. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval?
3. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?
4. For every approved new engagement of 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 ongoing contract.
 - h. Whether their position was advertised externally.
 - i. The reason for engaging this new employee.
 - j. The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement.
 - k. Please provide all relevant dates.
5. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?
6. For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details:
 - a. Their age.
 - b. Their gender.
 - c. A description of their position.
 - d. Where their position is located.
 - e. Their wage.
 - f. Their position's APS level classification.
 - g. The length of their ongoing contract.
 - h. Whether their position was advertised externally.
 - i. The reason for engaging this new employee.
 - j. The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement.
 - k. Please provide all relevant dates.
7. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?

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8. For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details:
- a. Their age.
 - b. Their gender.
 - c. A description of their position.
 - d. Where their position is located.
 - e. Their wage.
 - f. Their position's APS level classification.
 - g. The length of their 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 permission.
 - k. Please provide all relevant dates.

Answer:

1. One employee has been engaged on an ongoing contract during the period 18 September 2013 to 30 April 2014.
2. None
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. One employee has been engaged on an ongoing contract during the period 18 September 2013 to 30 April 2014, without the approval of the APSC. This was because the engagement was finalised before the APSC interim recruitment arrangements were put in place and approval was not required.
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 - a. Age group 35-44 years
 - b. Female
 - c. Manager, Governance and Performance
 - d. Canberra
 - e. \$133,747 per annum
 - f. EL 2
 - g. Not applicable – ongoing engagement is continuous
 - h. Yes
 - i. Assessed as business critical
 - j. APSC approval not required at time of engagement.
 - k. Start date: 23 September 2013