

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Australia Post**

**Question No: 227**

**Program No: Australia Post**

**Hansard Ref: In writing**

**Topic: Communications Staff**

**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?

**Answer:**

- 1-3. As at 31 May 2014, 23 communications staff service the business and workforce communications needs of a national workforce of more than 32,000 people. Four Heads of Business Communications manage small teams that work across Australia Post's Business Units – Communication Management Services, Parcel and Express Services, Retail Services and the business support functions. There are currently 3 contract staff working in the team, the remainder are ongoing employees. Australia Post does not use the public service employment classification system and is therefore unable to provide this information. All communications staff are based in Melbourne.
4. Of the 23 communications and media staff, none are graphic designers.
5. A media team of four employees manage all enquiries to the Australia Post national media line.
6. Of the 23 communications and media staff, none are event managers.