

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings May 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**NBN Co Limited**

**Question No: 346**

**Program No. NBN Co Limited**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Contracts for Temporary Staff**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. How much did the Department/Agency spend on temporary or contract staff since 7 September 2013?
2. How many temporary or contract staff were employed since 7 September 2013?
3. How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed?
4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
5. How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff?
6. What policies/criteria govern the appointment of Contract staff?
7. How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?

**Answer:**

1. \$5.442 million was spent on temporary or contractor staff between 7 September 2013 and 31 May 2014.
2. 95 temporary or contract staff have been employed between 7 September 2013 and 31 May 2014.
3. 50 temporary or contract staff were employed at 31 May 2014.
4. As at 31 May 2014, NBN Co had incurred \$2.434 million in costs for agencies/companies.
5. The 2014/15 budget contains \$2.326 million for contract staff.
6. Contract staff are appointed under the NBN Co Recruitment Policy.
7. NBN Co is a Government Business Enterprise and NBN Co staff are not part of the Australian Public Service.