

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Special Broadcasting Service**

**Question No: 380**

**Program No. SBS**

**Hansard Ref: In writing**

**Topic: Contract extensions**

**Senator Lundy asked:**

1. Since 18 September 2013, how many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your Department/Agency without the APSC's approval?
2. For every unapproved extension please provide the following details:
  - a. The employee's age.
  - b. Their gender.
  - c. A description of their position.
  - d. Their wage.
  - e. Their position's APS level classification.
  - f. Where they were located.
  - g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS.
  - h. The length of the extension granted by the Department/Agency.
  - i. The reason why the extension was granted.
  - j. Whether the extension was submitted to the APSC for approval and if not why the extension was not submitted for APSC approval?
  - k. The reasons why the extension was granted without the APSC's approval.
  - l. Please provide all relevant dates.

**Answer:**

1. 0 - All of our contracts have been extended by SBS without the APSC's approval as this is not required.
2. As SBS does not require APSC approval, none of the non-ongoing contracts would be considered 'unapproved'.