

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency**

**Question No: 496**

**Program No. TUSMA**

**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. \$327,786.81
2. 3
3. 4
4. \$8472.04

5-7. TUSMA contracts staff as required according to the APS recruitment guidelines and interim recruitment arrangements within the APS. These guidelines and arrangements ensures the use of contract staff is consistent with a professional and independent public service.