

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 635

Program No. Corporate

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Contract

Senator Lundy asked:

1. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your Department/Agency on non-ongoing contracts?
2. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the APSC for approval?
3. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the APSC?
4. For every approved new engagement of a non-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 non-ongoing contract.
 - h. Whether their position was advertised externally.
 - i. The reason for engaging this new employee.
 - j. The reason given by the APSC for approving this engagement.
 - k. Please provide all relevant dates
5. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?
6. For every rejected new engagement of a non-ongoing employee 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 non-ongoing contract.
 - h. Whether their position was advertised externally.
 - i. The reason for engaging this new employee.
 - j. The reason given by the APSC for rejecting this engagement.
 - k. Please provide all relevant dates.

Answer:

1. 17.

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2. Nil. Submission to the APSC for approval was not required. In line with the interim recruitment arrangements, Agency Heads advise the APS Commissioner in writing on a monthly basis, providing details of when they have agreed to a new or extended non-ongoing engagement with details and reasons for the decision.
3. Nil.
4. Not applicable.
5. Nil.
6. Not applicable.