

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

**Question No: 636**

**Program No. Corporate**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Contract extensions**

**Senator Lundy asked:**

1. Since 18 September 2013, how many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?
2. For every unapproved 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 for engaging this employee without the APSC's approval.
  - k. Please provide all relevant dates.

**Answer:**

1. Refer to answer to Question on Notice No. 635 for the Budget Estimates Hearings in May 2014.
2. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of Departmental resources.