

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 664

Program No. Corporate

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Communications Staff

Senator Ludwig asked:

For all Departments and Agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:

1. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
2. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
3. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
4. How many are graphic designers?
5. How many are media managers?
6. How many organise events?

Answer:

As at 30 April 2014, there were:

1. Fourteen ongoing staff in the Department engaged in public relations, communications and media. Classifications: 2 EL2 Public Affairs Managers; 7 EL1 Public Affairs; 3 APS6 Communications Advisers; and 2 APS5 Communications Advisers. Two ongoing EL1 Public Affairs and 1 APS5 Communications Adviser based in Sydney, with remaining staff based in Canberra.
2. Two non-ongoing staff engaged in public relations, communications and media. One EL2 Public Affairs Manager and 1 APS6 Communications Adviser, both based in Canberra.
3. No contractors were employed by the Department at 30 April 2014.
4. Two staff were graphic designers.
5. One staff member was a media manager.
6. Five staff in the Media team (1 non-ongoing FTE and 4 ongoing FTE) assisted in coordinating events with other areas of the Department as at 30 April 2014.