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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Communications Portfolio
Department of Communications

Question No: 674

Program No. Corporate

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:

To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.