

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014

Communications Portfolio

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Question No: 79

Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation

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?

Answers:

1. For the period 1 September 2013 to 30 June 2014 the ABC spent \$38,519,097 on temporary and contract staff.
2. Refer to answers for question 40.
3. Refer to answers for question 32(e).
4. The ABC does not differentiate between amounts paid to agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff as opposed to full-time staff. As a result, this information is not available.
5. The ABC has not yet finalised budget setting for 2014/15.
6. The ABC employs fixed term and specified task contract employees in accordance with the provisions of the ABC Enterprise Agreement 2013-2016 - Part E (Forms of Employment).
7. The ABC utilises fixed term and specified task employment to meet peaks in production schedules and/or where specific skills and attributes will not be required on an ongoing basis. This is done in a manner consistent with the requirements of the ABC's Enterprise Agreement 2013-16.