

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Hearing: Budget Estimates
Outcome: Corporate
Programme: Corporate Strategies Division
Topic: PORTFOLIO WIDE - NON-ONGOING CONTRACTS
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Question Type: Written

Senator Lundy asked:

1. Since 18 September 2013, how many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department/agency without the APSC's approval?
2. For every unapproved extension please provide the following details:
 - a. The employee's age
 - b. Their gender
 - c. A description of their position
 - d. Their wage
 - e. Their position's APS level classification
 - f. Where they were located
 - g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS
 - h. The length of the extension granted by the department/agency
 - i. The reason why the extension was granted
 - j. Whether the extension was submitted to the APSC for approval and if not why the extension was not submitted for APSC approval?
 - k. The reasons why the extension was granted without the APSC's approval
 - l. Please provide all relevant dates

Answer:

1. Agency heads have the authority to engage and extend employees on non-ongoing contracts without seeking approval from the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC). Therefore, approvals have not been sought from the APSC for individual non-ongoing contract extensions.
2. Not applicable.