

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

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Programme: Corporate Strategies Division
Topic: PORTFOLIO WIDE - ON-GOING ENGAGEMENTS
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Senator Lundy asked:

1. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval?
2. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?
3. For every approved new engagement of a 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 ongoing contract
 - h. Whether their position was advertised externally
 - i. The reason for engaging this new employee
 - j. The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement
 - k. Please provide all relevant dates
4. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?
5. For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details:
 - a. Their age
 - b. Their gender
 - c. A description of their position
 - d. Where their position is located
 - e. Their wage
 - f. Their position's APS level classification
 - g. The length of their ongoing contract
 - h. Whether their position was advertised externally
 - i. The reason for engaging this new employee
 - j. The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement
 - k. Please provide all relevant dates

Answer:

Department of the Environment

1. Nil. The Department is not required to seek approval from the Public Service Commission to engage an employee; the approval that is required relates to the advertisement of positions.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable

Bureau of Meteorology

1. Nil. Portfolio agencies are not required to seek approval from the Public Service Commission to engage an employee; the approval that is required relates to the advertisement of positions.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable

Clean Energy Regulator

1. Although agencies are not required to seek approval to engage an employee, the Clean Energy Regulator submitted one new ongoing engagement to the Australian Public Service Commission for approval between 18 September 2013 and 30 April 2014.
2. The engagement was approved by the Australian Public Service Commission.
3. a. 47
b. Male
c. Senior Executive
d. \$ 191,878
e. Canberra
f. SES Band 1
g. Ongoing
h. Position was advertised externally
i. New role
j. Essential to operations of agency
k. The date range for this response is from 18 September 2013 and 30 April 2014.
4. Nil
5. Not applicable.

Climate Change Authority

1. Nil. Portfolio agencies are not required to seek approval from the Public Service Commission to engage an employee; the approval that is required relates to the advertisement of positions.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

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 - a. Two employees are aged 40 - 45; one employee is aged 46 - 50
 - b. One employee is female; two employees are male
 - c. Indigenous Communities Compliance Liaison Officer
 - d. \$85,723
 - e. Queensland
 - f. APS 6
 - g. Not applicable. The employees are engaged as ongoing employees with no end date.
 - h. The positions were advertised in *APS Jobs*
 - i. Critical positions
 - j. The APSC agreed the positions were critical
 - k. The employees were engaged on 3 February 2014
4. Nil
5. Not applicable

Murray-Darling Basin Authority

1. Nil. Portfolio agencies are not required to seek approval from the Public Service Commission to engage an employee; the approval that is required relates to the advertisement of positions.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable

National Water Commission

1. Nil. Portfolio agencies are not required to seek approval from the Public Service Commission to engage an employee; the approval that is required relates to the advertisement of positions.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

1. Nil. Portfolio agencies are not required to seek approval from the Public Service Commission to engage an employee; the approval that is required relates to the advertisement of positions.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable