

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 - NON ONGOING CONTRACTS
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Senator Ludwig asked:

1. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?
 - a) For every new non-ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.
2. How many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?
 - a) For every non-ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.

Answer:

Department of the Environment

1. Nil.
 - a) Not applicable.
2. 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 engagements.
 - a) Not applicable.