

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 76

Program 1.1

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Communications staff

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:
2. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
3. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
4. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
5. How many are graphic designers?
6. How many are media managers?
7. How many organise events?

Answer:

As at 31 October 2014, there were:

1. Thirteen ongoing staff in the Department engaged in public relations, communications and media. Classifications: 2 EL2 Public Affairs Managers; 6 EL1 Public Affairs; 4 APS6 Communications Advisers; and 1 APS5 Communications Adviser. Two ongoing EL1 Public Affairs based in Sydney, with remaining staff based in Canberra.
2. Two non-ongoing staff engaged in public relations, communications and media. One EL2 Public Affairs Manager and 1 APS6 Communications Adviser, both based in Canberra.
3. Nil.
4. Two staff were graphic designers.
5. One staff member was a media manager.
6. 5.5 staff in the Media team (1 non-ongoing FTE and 4.5 ongoing FTE) assisted in coordinating events with other areas of the Department as at 31 October 2014.