

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

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Programme: Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)
Topic: PORTFOLIO WIDE - NEW ONGOING CONTRACTS
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Senator Ludwig asked:

1. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?
2. How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election?

Answer:

1.

Number of new ongoing engagements since the 2013 federal election	
7 September 2013 and 30 September 2014	
Department of the Environment	38
Bureau of Meteorology	42
Clean Energy Regulator	7
Climate Change Authority	0
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	4
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	10
National Water Commission	0
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	0

2.

The Department and portfolio agencies are not required to seek approval from the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) to engage an employee. From 1 October 2013 approval was required to advertise a position in *APS Jobs* but since 19 September 2014 this approval is no longer required if a position is to be advertised as being open only to APS employees.

However, the Clean Energy Regulator sought approval from the APSC in relation to the engagement of an ongoing SES Band 1, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority sought approval from the APSC in relation to four engagements and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority sought approval from the APSC in relation to one engagement.