

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

**Question No:** 298  
**Hearing:** Supplementary Budget Estimates  
**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)  
**Topic:** PORTFOLIO WIDE - NON ONGOING CONTRACT EXTENSIONS  
**Hansard Page:** N/A  
**Question Date:** 29 October 2014  
**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval?
2. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission?
  - a. For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.
3. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission?
  - a. For every rejected extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of extension sought by the department, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as 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.
3. Not applicable.