

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

**Question No:** 299  
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**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division  
**Topic:** PORTFOLIO WIDE - NON ONGOING CONTRACTS EXPIRED WITHOUT EXTENSION  
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**Senator Ludwig asked:**

How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election?

a. For every expired non-ongoing contract 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 reason why an extension was not sought, as well as all relevant dates.

**Answer:**

***Department of the Environment***

This information is not readily available. Given the number of non-ongoing employees engaged by the Department, attempting to collect this information would substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the Department from its other operations.

***Portfolio Agencies***

Between 7 September 2013 and 30 September 2014, the following numbers of non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension:

Bureau of Meteorology	59
Clean Energy Regulator	20
Climate Change Authority	2
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	24
Murray Darling Basin Authority	7
National Water Commission	1
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	1

a. While some of the details are known for some agencies, attempting to collect all of the information requested for all agencies would substantially and unreasonably divert their resources from other operations. In addition, where smaller numbers are shown above,

provision of the information requested and the release of that information publicly will readily identify the individuals concerned.