

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

Question No: 425
Hearing: Supplementary Budget Estimates
Outcome: Corporate
Programme: Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)
Topic: PORTFOLIO WIDE - NON ONGOING CONTRACTS EXTENDED WITHOUT APSC APPROVAL
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Question Type: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

How many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department without the Public Service Commission's approval?

a. For every unapproved 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 the unapproved extension, the reasons why the extension was granted, whether the extension was submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval, and the reasons why the extension was granted without the approval of the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.

Answer:

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.