

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings October 2016**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Classification Board/Classification Review Board**

**Question No: 156(l)**

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**Hansard Ref: Written, 31/10/2016**

**Topic: Staffing**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

1. Please provide a breakdown of staffing levels as at 30 June 2016, nationally and for each state and territory, by the following categories:
  - (a) Full time equivalent (FTE);
  - (b) Head count;
  - (c) Gender;
  - (d) Ongoing;
  - (e) non-ongoing; and
  - (f) classification level.
2. How many engagements occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by:
  - (a) Classification;
  - (b) State or territory;
  - (c) Ongoing staff; and
  - (d) Non-ongoing staff.
3. How many separations occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by:
  - (a) Classification;
  - (b) State or territory;
  - (c) Ongoing staff;
  - (d) Non-ongoing staff; and
  - (e) Reason for separation.

**Answer:**

Nil. The Classification Board and Classification Review Board have no staff attached to them. They are solely comprised of public office holders appointed under the *Classification (Publications, Film and Computer Games) Act 1995*.

Staff of the Department of Communications and the Arts (largely, the Classification Branch) assist the Boards but are not formally part of those Boards, and will be included in responses to Questions on Notice about Departmental staffing.