

## Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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#### Question: AET 1076-1082

**Topic:** Staffing

**Written:** Received from Committee – 22 February 2013

#### Senator BUSHBY asked:

1076. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date(22 February 2013)? What classification are they?
1077. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date (22 February 2013)? What classification are they?
1078. This financial year to date (22 February 2013), how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?
1079. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date(22 February 2013)? What classification were they?
1080. How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date (22 February 2013)? What classification were they?
1081. How many contract staff left the department/agency this financial year to date (22 February 2013)? What classification were they?
1082. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.
- a. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason(s) why these are happening

#### Answer:

1076. 86 ongoing staff (excluding ABS Interviewers) have been recruited this financial year to date (to 15 March 2013). Of these; 73 were at the APS level (60 being Graduates), 11 at the Executive Level and two at the SES level.
1077. As at 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013 there are 252 non-ongoing staff employed by the ABS, compared with 480 as at 30 June 2012 (excluding ABS Interviewers). Please see the following table for comparison of levels.

	at 30/06/12	at 15/03/13
APS 1-6	418	238
Data Processing Centre 1-6	31	0
EL	30	13
SES	1	1
Total	480	252

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1078. Contractors are not engaged as APS staff.
1079. During this financial year (up to 15 March 2013) there have been 136 ongoing staff (excluding ABS Interviewers) leave the ABS. Of these; 110 were at the APS level, 23 were at the Executive Level and 3 at the SES level.
1080. During this financial year (up to 15 March 2013) there have been 427 non-ongoing staff (excluding ABS Interviewers) leave the ABS. Of these; 397 were at the APS level and 20 were at the Executive Level. The other ten non-ongoing staff were Population Census Data Processing Centre (DPC) employees who left at the completion of the Population Census processing phase.
1081. Contractors are not engaged as APS staff.
1082. Activities to reduce staffing numbers in the ABS include: natural attrition; recruitment freeze for general recruitment (recruitment has been limited to key positions); strict limitations to non-ongoing and graduate recruitment; and extensions to non-ongoing staff contracts needing approval by the Chief Operating Officer (COO). As at 15 March 2013 there was no staff reduction target.