

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Treasury Portfolio
Budget Estimates 2014
3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: ABS

Question: BET 1225-1231

Topic: Contracts for Temporary Staff

Reference: Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

- 1225. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7th 2013?
- 1226. How many temporary or contract staff were employed since September 7th 2013?
- 1227. How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed?
- 1228. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
- 1229. How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff?
- 1230. What policies/criteria govern the appointment of Contract staff?
- 1231. How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?

Answer:

- 1225. Temporary staff: \$1.2m and contract staff: \$30k (including GST).
- 1226. Eighty three employees have been engaged as non-ongoing employees since 7 September 2013. Seventy were employed on either a specified term or specified task basis and 13 were employed on an intermittent (casual) basis. Two contract staff were employed since 7 September 2013.
- 1227. At 12 June 2014, 183 staff were employed by the ABS on a non-ongoing basis. Ninety nine were employed on an intermittent basis and 84 on a specified term or specified task basis.
- 1228. Nil.
- 1229. The ABS does not budget to this level.
- 1230. Decisions to engage contract staff are based on business requirements which are assessed on the most efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of resources.
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