

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates 2014

3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Question: BET 1391-1397

Topic: Contracts for temporary staff

Reference: Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

1391. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7th 2013?
1392. How many temporary or contract staff were employed since September 7th 2013?
1393. How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed?
1394. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
1395. How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff?
1396. What policies/criteria govern the appointment of Contract staff?
1397. How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?

Answer:

1391. \$585,949
1392. 25
1393. 12
1394. Nil.
1395. \$3,930,242
1396. Contractors are engaged as short term needs are identified and often where specialist skills are required. The Agency follows the Commonwealth Procurement Rules when engaging contractor staff.
1397. Contractors are generally selected using a similar selection process as ongoing placements – interview/meeting and comments sought from professional referees to verify the person's past work behaviour, performance and attributes are consistent with ACCC expectations.

When working with the ACCC, contractors are inducted, supervised and their performance managed by an ACCC manager.

The ACCC would also expect for confidentiality clauses and a commitment to contractors upholding the APS values and code of conduct, to be included within the agreement between the ACCC and recruitment agency.

* Figures as at 12 June 2014.