

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

Department/ Agency: APRA

Question: BET 1723-1729

Topic: Contracts for temporary staff

Reference: Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

1723. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since 7 September 2013? *
1724. How many temporary or contract staff were employed since 7 September 2013*?
1725. How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed?
1726. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
1727. How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff?
1728. What policies/criteria govern the appointment of Contract staff?
1729. How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?

* *period 7 September 2013 to 12 June 2014.*

Answer:

1723. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) has spent \$453,782 on fixed term/temporary staff during the period 7 September 2013 to 12 June 2014.
1724. There were 15 fixed term/temporary staff employed during the period 7 September 2013 to 30 June 2014.
1725. There are currently 11 fixed term/temporary staff employed as at 12 June 2014.
1726. During the period 7 September 2013 to the 30 June 2014 agency fees totalling \$23,700 + GST were paid for finding fixed term staff.
1727. No specific budget has been set for fixed-term staff for 2014/15; it is included in the overall staffing budget.
1728. and 1729.

APRA engages contract staff within current resources to assist in carrying out its mandate. Staff engaged on a temporary or fixed-term basis with APRA are governed by the *APRA Employment Agreement 2011* and in accordance with APRA's Human Resources Policy Manual and Recruitment & Selection Guidelines.

All engagement is conducted pursuant to the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.