

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

**Department/ Agency:** AASB/ AUASB

**Question:** BET 2885 - 2891

**Topic:** Contracts for temporary staff

**Reference:** Written – 12 June 2014

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Question:**

- 2885        How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7th 2013?
- 2886        How many temporary or contract staff were employed since September 7th 2013?
- 2887        How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed?
- 2888        How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
- 2889        How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff?
- 2890        What policies/criteria govern the appointment of contract staff?
- 2891        How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?

**Answer: (AASB)**

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