Senate Economics Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates 2014 3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: Royal Australian Mint

Question: BET 3217-3223

Topic: Contracts for Temporary Staff **Reference**: Written – 5 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

- 3217. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7th 2013?
- 3218. How many temporary or contract staff were employed since September 7th 2013?
- 3219. How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed?
- 3220. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
- 3221. How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff?
- 3222. What policies/criteria govern the appointment of contract staff?
- 3223. How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?

Answer:

- 3217. The Royal Australian Mint have spent \$587,533 on Contract staff since 7 Sept 2013.
- 3218. Royal Australian Mint have employed 10 temporary and contract staff since 7 Sept 2013 to 12 June 2014
- 3219. 9 temporary and contract staffs are currently being employed at the Mint.
- 3220. The recruitment cost paid to the Job recruitment agencies for temporary contract staff is \$21,000 (7 September to 12 June 2014) as majority of the contract staff are independently employed.
- 3221. 2014/15 budgeted amount for contract staff is \$478,000.
- 3222. Determination of the criticality or urgency of the role to be filled on a normally short term basis pending longer term assessment and filling.
- 3223. Contractors are used in exceptional circumstances to fill critical roles to ensure that agency outcomes and stakeholder expectations are met to the highest standard and within government legislative requirements.