

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000223

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

Contracts for Temporary Staff

Question

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?
2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?
3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?
4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?

Answer

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. For the period 14 September to 31 January 2016 the department spent \$9,139,594.68 on contractors. The department does not separately identify costs for temporary (non-ongoing) staff.
- 2 and 3. Refer to QoN S16-000213 Staffing Recruitment for information about the number of temporary (non-ongoing) staff recruited. Information on the number of contract staff recruited is not captured centrally except for IT contract staff. The department estimates that there were 194 contractors at 31 January 2016.
4. This information is not separately reported.
5. There have been no changes to policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff.