

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: ASQA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000491

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

ASQA: 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

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) has provided the following response.

1. ASQA spent \$601,800 (excluding GST) on contract staff for the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016.
2. During the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, ASQA has employed 26 contract staff.
3. The total number of contract staff employed with ASQA as at 31 January 2016 is 15.
4. ASQA paid nil for agencies to find contract staff.
5. There have been no changes to ASQA's policies that govern the appointment of contract staff.