Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000266

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

ASEA - Communication staff

1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:

2. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.

3. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location

4. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location

5. How many are graphic designers?

6. How many are media managers?

7. How many organise events?

Have these arrangements changed since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015? If yes, please detail.

Answer

1.

2. The agency employs an Assistant Director, Media and Communications who provides all support and assistance to the agency and Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council in communications, media and events.

3. The agency engaged an Events Coordinator on a non-ongoing APS 6 level contract for 12 months from 1 July 2015 in Sydney to be the primary event coordinator for the agency conference being held in November 2015. The Events Coordinator resigned effective 12 February 2016.

4. The agency engaged a temporary Events and Communications Support Officer commencing 27 July 2015 at an APS4 level in Sydney to provide support and assistance to the Assistant Director, Media and Communications and the Events Coordinator. The contract was due to expire on 29 January 2016 however, the Support Officer finished with the agency on 2 December 2015.

5. Nil.

6. The Assistant Director, Media and Communications provides all media management services for the agency.

7. The Events Coordinator and Support Officer were working directly on the agency conference during this reporting period as supervised by the Assistant Director, Communications and Media.

The Events Coordinator and Support Officer no longer work for the agency.