

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Agency: ASQA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000110

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing.

ASQA - Staffing

Question

1. How many staff members are employed in ASQA? Please report separately on SES, commissioners and all other staff by classification level.
2. How many ASQA staff members are non-ongoing? Please report separately on SES, commissioners and all other staff by classification level.
3. What proportion of ASQA staff is non-ongoing? Please report separately on SES, commissioners and all other staff by classification level.
4. The ASQA Annual Report 2015-16 reports that 13 of the 36 APS level 5 staff are non-ongoing. Why is that proportion so high?

Answer

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) provided the following response as of 20 March 2017.

1.

Classification	Total
APS 3	8
APS 4	13
APS 5	36
APS 6	61
EL 1	56
EL 2	24
SES	2
Commissioner	2
Total employees	202

2.

Classification	Total
APS 3	6
APS 4	3
APS 5	13
APS 6	7
EL 1	3
EL 2	2
SES	0
Commissioner	0
Total non-ongoing employees	34

3.

Classification	Proportion of non-ongoing (%)
APS 3	75.0
APS 4	23.1
APS 5	36.1
APS 6	11.5
EL 1	5.4
EL 2	8.3
SES	0
Commissioner	0
Total % of non-ongoing employees	16.8

4. The high proportion of non-ongoing APS 5 positions reported in ASQA's 2015–16 Annual Report resulted from the Authority acting to address workload backlogs as well as undertaking non-ongoing project work during this period.