

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0148_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Dept & all agencies: Hiring

Hiring 1. How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts? 2. How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts? 3. How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election? 4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval? 5. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission? 6. For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates. 7. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission? 8. For every rejected extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of extension sought by the department, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.

Answer

1. 17 (at 31 May 2014)
2. 1888 (at 31 May 2014)
3. Refer to response to ED0194_15 [SQ14-000866] (1)
4. In line with the Interim Arrangements for Recruitment in the Australian Public Service (Arrangements) that commenced on 31 October 2013, the delegation to approve the engagement of non-ongoing employees lies with the Agency Head. No non-ongoing contract extensions were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval.
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable
8. Not applicable

The **Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)** has provided the following response.

1. How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts?	47 employees as at 31 May 2014
2. How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts?	63 employees as at 31 May 2014
3. How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election?	Nine
4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval?	N/A Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority, is an independent Commonwealth statutory authority. ACARA employees are not employed under the Public Service Act 1999 (Cth).
5. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission?	N/A – as above
6. For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.	N/A – as above
7. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission?	N/A
8. For every rejected extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of extension sought by the department, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.	N/A

The **Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)** has provided the following response.

1. How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts?	Four
2. How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts?	57
3. How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election?	Two
4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval?	Not applicable
5. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission?	Not applicable
6. For every approved extension please provide the following details:	Not applicable
a. the employee's age	Not applicable
b. the employee's gender	Not applicable
c. the employee's wage	Not applicable
d. Their position's APS level classification	Not applicable
e. A description of their position	Not applicable
f. The length of their continuous employment by the APS	Not applicable
g. The length of approved extension	Not applicable
h. The reason why the extensions was submitted	Not applicable
i. The extension was approved by the Public Service Commission	Not applicable
j. Please provide all relevant dates	Not applicable
7. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission?	Not applicable
8. For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details	Not applicable
a. the employee's age	Not applicable
b. the employee's gender	Not applicable
c. the employee's wage	Not applicable
d. Their position's APS level classification	Not applicable
e. A description of their position	Not applicable
f. The length of their continuous employment by the APS	Not applicable
g. The length of approved extension	Not applicable
h. The reason why the extensions was submitted	Not applicable
i. The extension was approved by the Public Service Commission	Not applicable
j. Please provide all relevant dates	Not applicable
<p>Note: The term ongoing staff has assumed those engaged as maximum-term; the term non-ongoing staff has assumed those engaged as fixed-term.</p> <p>AITSL has a funding agreement to 30 June 2015. Maximum-term staff are those employed to that date hence the assumption that they are considered ongoing has applied.</p>	

The **Australian Research Council (ARC)** has provided the following response.

1. 4
2. 116
3. None
- 4-8. Not applicable

The **Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA)** has provided the following response.

1. 3
2. 85
3. NIL
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable
8. Not applicable

The **Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)** has provided the following response.

1. How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts?	63
2. How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts?	77
3. How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election?	43
4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval?	N/A - We are not required to submit non-ongoing contract engagements to the Public Service Commission for pre-approval under the interim arrangements for APS recruitment.
5. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission?	N/A
6. For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.	N/A
7. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission?	N/A
8. For every rejected extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of extension sought by the department, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.	N/A