

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

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

**Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0181\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

***Dept & all agencies: Communications staff***

For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location d) How many are graphic designers? e) How many are media managers? f) How many organise events?

**Answer**

***The Department of Education provided the following response:***

As at 31 May 2014, there was a total of 31 staff performing dedicated communication related work.

Graphic design work is provided to the department through the Shared Service Centre.

As requested, included at **Attachment A** is the information on staff classifications and the type of communication work performed for the department and the agencies mentioned below:

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)  
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)  
Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)  
Australian Research Council (ARC)  
Tertiary Education Quality and Standard Agency (TEQSA).

***The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority provided the following response:***

Six fixed term/non-going employees and one contractor perform dedicated communication related work.

***The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies provided the following response:***

Eight ongoing employees and one contractor perform dedicated communication related work.

***The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership provided the following response:***

Four ongoing employees perform dedicated communication related work.

***The Australian Research Council provided the following response:***

Three ongoing employees perform dedicated communication related work.

***The Tertiary Education Quality and Standard Agency provided the following response:***

Four ongoing employees perform dedicated communication related work.