

**QONSenate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

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

**Agency - Comcare**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM1226\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Comcare - Contracts for Temporary Staff**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 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**

*1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?*

Comcare spent \$2,715,766 (GST excl.) on temporary and contract staff for the period 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014, this was in order to fill vacant positions while the agency was seeking approval to fill these positions with permanent employees.

*2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?*

Forty-five labour hire contract staff have been employed by Comcare since 1 June 2014.

*3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?*

As at 31 October 2014, 74 contractors were employed by Comcare.

*4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?*

Nil.

*5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?*

No.