

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EM1365_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

FWO - Communications 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?"

Answer

As at 31 October 2014, the Fair Work Ombudsman had the following external communications and media staff:

Classification	Location			
	Melbourne	Sydney	Adelaide	Perth
Ongoing staff				
SES BAND 1	0.66			
EL2		1	1	
EL1		2.45		1
APS6		3		
APS5	3	2		
APS4			0.4	
Non-ongoing staff				
EL2	1*			
APS4				

* The Fair Work Ombudsman engaged a non-ongoing employee to fill a substantive EL2 position during a period of maternity leave. There has been a brief period of overlap to enable a handover of duties.

The Fair Work Ombudsman's communications and media staff undertake the following duties:

- communications activities (digital and strategic)
- implementation of Government 2.0 including social media engagement
- preparation and dissemination of media materials to promote the services and work of the agency
- respond to media enquiries
- staff employed as SES Band 1, EL2 and EL1 also manage staff.

The Fair Work Ombudsman does not have any media or communications staff engaged as contractors or any staff that are graphic designers.

The Fair Work Ombudsman has one media manager.

No dedicated staff are tasked with organising events.