

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Agency - Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-001011

Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Question

ASEA - Administered Programs

Please provide an itemised table detailing the following information:

- Every program administered by the department and all portfolio agencies within it
- a) The total funding allocated for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15;
- b) The number of organisations funded under the program in each in those years, the name of each organisation funded and the dollar value of that funding
- c) The number of individuals projected to be serviced or services to be delivered through each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15;
- d) The total funding actually expended on each in 2015-16 and 2014-15;
- e) The number of individuals actually serviced or services actually delivered through each in 2015-16 and 2014-15;
- f) The aggregate staff budget for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15 broken down by i) permanent APS staff and ii) contractors.
- g) The number of permanent APS staff responsible for delivering each in 2016-17; 2015-16 and 2014-15, the classification of these staff and their geographic location;
- h) The dollar value of external advice contracted to support each in 2016-17, as well as the number of contractors engaged, the APS-equivalent classification these contractors were engaged at and their geographic location.

Answer

- a) The Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency has one Administered Program as set out in the Portfolio Budget Statement. The total funding for each year is contained in the Portfolio Budget Statements.
- b) Contracts valued at \$10,000 and over are available on the Austender website at www.tenders.gov.au and grant information is published on the agency's website at www.asbestossafety.gov.au.
- c) The Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency's main functions are defined under Section 8 of the *Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Act 2013* and include: research, coordination, liaison, monitoring and reporting. The agency does not have a direct role in providing services to individuals.

- d) Actual expenditure is published in the agency's annual reports, which are available at www.asbestossafety.gov.au.
- e) The Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency's main functions are defined under Section 8 of the *Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Act 2013* and include: research, coordination, liaison, monitoring and reporting. The agency does not have a direct role in providing services to individuals.
- f) This information is published in the Portfolio Budget Statements as an average staffing level (ASL) for the agency's program and the actual staffing numbers are provided in the agency's annual reports.
- g) The agency's staffing demographics are published in the agency's annual reports.
- h) Contracts related to external advice that were entered into at the time of Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016-17 that are valued at \$10,000 and over are available on the Austender website at www.tenders.gov.au.
At the time of Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016–17, the agency had four staff engaged at the APS 4-5 level, all based in Sydney, on non-ongoing contracts.