

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2015**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Employment categories**

Question: **16**

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Senator WONG: Which categories do you use?

Mr Wright: In terms of employees, we have ongoing, non-ongoing, part time, casuals and sessionals, I believe. Then we have what we call contractors in a permanent employee type of—

Senator WONG: They only work for parliamentary sitting? Is that what sessional means?

Ms Mills: They work for a portion of the year—generally six months of the year.

Mr Wright: And then on top of that we have non-ongoing contractors—people we might get in on a temporary basis through recruitment companies. They are generally to fill short-term voids. And then there are consultants whom you might bring in to do specific pieces of work.

Senator WONG: Why don't you give me, then, on notice, those categories for both 2013-14 and the current financial year to date in terms of head count and expenditure. If that matches up with your system, that is the easiest thing to extract, I would think.

Mr Wright: Correct.

Senator WONG: Thank you. That will be fine.

Answer

Employment category	2013-14 No. of employees (as at 30 June 2014)	2014-15 No. of employees (as at 25 February 2015)
Ongoing F/T	578	573
Ongoing P/T	73	74
Non-ongoing F/T	26	50
Non-ongoing P/T	4	4
Ongoing Sessional	50	67
Non-ongoing Sessional	8	3
Casual	83	80
Total	822	851
Total expenditure	\$74.734M	\$51.345M
Labour Hire (recruitment) agency expenditure	\$3.591M,	\$3.485M