

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15**

**Finance Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** All  
**Outcome/Program:** General  
**Topic:** Graduate Program

**Senator:** Wong  
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**Question:**

1. How many applicants applied for the agency's 2014 graduate program? How many were accepted?
2. What is the anticipated intake of graduates for the beginning of the 2015 year?
3. Is this a reduction from the previous year? If so, what are the reasons for the decrease in the graduate intake?
4. Have any Government decisions affected the level of graduate intake in the agency?

**Answer:**

<b>Department/ Agency</b>	<b>Response</b>
Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 1025 applicants applied. Twenty-two were accepted. (Note four Graduates under the Whole-of-Government ICT Graduate Program and two Indigenous Graduates through the APSC Indigenous Pathways Program also commenced at Finance in 2014).</li> <li>2. Subject to APSC approval, it is anticipated that the intake for 2015 will be twenty-one Finance Graduates, four Graduates under the Whole-of-Government ICT Graduate Program and one Indigenous Graduate through the APSC Indigenous Pathways Program.</li> <li>3. There is a slight reduction reflecting business needs.</li> <li>4. No.</li> </ol>
Australian Electoral Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 383 applications received, four accepted.</li> <li>2. Nil.</li> <li>3. Yes. Reduction was a result of a change to the AEC budget and reallocation of internal funds to other programs. The AEC has adjusted its priorities and decided not to run a graduate program in 2015.</li> <li>4. No.</li> </ol>
ComSuper	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ComSuper does not run an agency graduate program.</li> </ol>

Department/ Agency	Response
	2. Nil. 3. Yes. Budgetary constraint has caused ComSuper to cancel its participation in the program. 4. No.
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	N/A.
Future Fund Management Agency	1. – 4. There is no graduate program in operation.