

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2015

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Transfers

Senator: Senator Lundy

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

- (1) How many people does your department/agency currently employ? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following:
 - a. State and Territory
 - b. age
 - c. gender
 - d. APS level classification, and
 - e. contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing).

- (2) How many people did your department/agency employ as of 30 June 2013? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following variables:
 - a. State and Territory
 - b. age
 - c. gender
 - d. APS level classification, and
 - e. contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing).

- (3) How many people did your department/agency employ as of 18 September 2013? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following:
 - a. State and Territory
 - b. age
 - c. gender
 - d. APS level classification, and
 - e. contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing).

- (4) Since 18 September 2013, what department/agency functions have been transferred from one state or territory to another?
- (5) For all functions transferred, can you please provide figures for the following:
- number of staff employed before and after the transfer, and
 - where the function was based before and after the transfer.
- (6) For each employee transferred please provide the followings:
- their age
 - their gender
 - their APS classification
 - the wage of the employee before and after the transfer
 - the area of the department/agency they worked in before and after their transfer
 - a description of their position before and after the transfer
 - the dates of their transfer
 - an explanation for why the employee was transferred
 - whether they were transferred to or from Canberra, and
 - any costs incurred by the department/agency due to this transfer.

Answer:

- (1) As at 31 May 2014 the Office employed 158 employees. Of these, 143 employees were ongoing and 15 were non-ongoing. The responses to questions a. and d. are outlined in Table 1 and the responses to questions b. and c. are outlined in Table 2. The total number of employees includes those on long term leave both paid and unpaid.

Table 1:

Classification	LOCATION						Total
	ACT	NSW	VIC	SA	WA	QLD	
APS Level 3	3	1	2	4			10
APS Level 4	21		2	4			27
APS Level 5	9	3	3	1	3	3	22
APS Level 6	21	1	2	2	1	2	29
Executive Level 1	33	2	5	2		4	46
Executive Level 2	14	2	1	1		1	19
Senior Executive Band 1	5						5
TOTALS	106	9	15	14	4	10	158

Table 2:

Age	Male	Female	Total
20-29	8	18	26
30-39	15	39	54
40-49	14	17	31
50-59	18	20	38
60+	5	4	9
TOTALS	60	98	158

- (2) As at 30 June 2013 the Office employed 158 employees. Of these, 149 employees were ongoing and nine (9) were non-ongoing. The responses to questions a. and d. are outlined in Table 1 and the responses to questions b. and c. are outlined in Table 2. The total number of employees includes those on long term leave both paid and unpaid.

Table 1:

Classification	LOCATION						Total
	ACT	NSW	VIC	SA	WA	QLD	
APS Level 3	3	1	3	4			11
APS Level 4	19		4	1		1	26
APS Level 5	10	3	1	2	2	2	20
APS Level 6	22	2	2	1	1	3	31
Executive Level 1	34	2	3	1		2	42
Executive Level 2	16	2	2	2		1	23
Senior Executive Band 1	5						5
TOTALS	109	10	15	11	4	9	158

Table 2:

Age	Male	Female	Total
20-29	8	18	26
30-39	17	37	54
40-49	14	21	35
50-59	14	19	33
60+	5	5	10
TOTALS	58	100	158

- (3) The information for 18 September 2013 is not readily available and therefore figures as at 30 September 2013 are provided. As at 30 September 2013 the Office employed 155 employees. Of these, 147 employees were ongoing and eight (8) were non-ongoing. The responses to questions a. and d. are outlined in table 1 and the responses to questions b. and c. are outlined in table 2. The total number of employees includes those on long term leave both paid and unpaid.

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APS Level 5	10	3	3	2	3	2	23
APS Level 6	23		2	1	1	2	29
Executive Level 1	34	3	4	1		3	45
Executive Level 2	19	2	1	1		1	24
Senior Executive Band 1	5						5
TOTALS	109	9	15	10	4	8	155

Table 2:

Age	Male	Female	Total
20-29	7	17	24
30-39	15	38	53
40-49	15	20	35
50-59	14	19	33
60+	6	4	10
TOTALS	57	98	155

(4) Since 18 September 2013, no Office functions have been transferred from one state or territory to another.

(5) Not applicable.

(6) Not applicable.