

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-2015

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: Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Question:

- (1) Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department.
- (2) Please list their starting and expiration dates.
- (3) What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.

Answer:

- (1) The Office is currently covered by a single Enterprise Agreement: the *Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman Enterprise Agreement 2011 – 2014*.
- (2) The Office's Enterprise Agreement commenced with a date of effect on 27 July 2011. The nominal expiration date of the Enterprise Agreement was 30 June 2014.
- (3) A Notice of Employee Representation Rights was issued on 5 June 2014 and to date one employee bargaining representatives have been nominated. It is envisaged that the first bargaining meeting will occur in mid July 2014.