

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: Cross Portfolio

Topic: Existing Resources Program

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

1. Since 7 September how many major projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?
2. List each project or piece of work
3. List the staffing assigned to each task
4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?
5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?

Answer:

1. Since 7 September 2013, the Australian Public Service Commission (the Commission) commenced one major project funded from within existing resources.
2. The Interim Australian Public Service (APS) Recruitment Arrangements.
3. Commission employees have not been assigned to work on this project as their primary duties. Instead, for part of their normal duties, 14 full-time employees and four part-time employees have undertaken work related to this project. In addition, from 1 February 2014 until 30 June 2014, there were three full-time employees and one part-time employee, from four APS agencies, seconded to the Commission to work only on this project.
4. As this project is largely assigned within business as usual activities, to attempt to provide the nominal total salary at this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
5. Existing resources and/or equipment has been used for this project.