

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: Communications Staff

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

- (1) For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:
- a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
 - b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
 - c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.
 - d. How many are graphic designers?
 - e. How many are media managers?
 - f. How many organise events?

Answer:

- (1) (a) The Office employs one (0.4 full-time equivalent) Melbourne-based ongoing Executive Level 1 staff member and one (0.8 full-time equivalent) Canberra-based ongoing Executive Level 1 staff member, both of whom undertake a variety of media and public affairs related tasks in consultation and liaison with other office staff.
- (1) (b)-(f) The Office did not employ any media or public affairs contractors, graphic designers, media managers or event organiser staff.