

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Contracts for Temporary Staff

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7th 2013?
2. How many temporary or contract staff were employed since September 7th 2013?
3. How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed?
4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
5. How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff?
6. What policies/criteria govern the appointment of Contract staff?
7. How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?

Answer:

Q1. The ANAO spent \$2.4 million on temporary or contract staff for the period 7 September 2013 – 31 May 2014.

Q2. There were a total of 46 temporary or contract staff employed in the period 7 September 2013 - 31 May 2014.

Q3. There are 25 temporary or contract staff currently employed as at 31 May 2014.

Q4. There were no additional expenses incurred in seeking the temporary/contract staff as the procurement was conducted through existing panels.

Q5. The ANAO has budgeted \$3.044 million for the 2014/15 Financial Year for contract staff.

Q6. Selection of contract staff are subject to normal Commonwealth procurement processes and the ANAO ensures each engagement represents value for money for the Commonwealth.

Q7. Contract staff are engaged to meet workload peaks and provide specialist knowledge.