

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Contracts for Temporary Staff - All Agency Indigenous Bodies

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe 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:

Aboriginal Hostels Limited and the Torres Strait Regional Authority are the only Indigenous Affairs agencies within the portfolio with Australian Public Service staff. All other Indigenous Affairs agencies employee staff under other arrangements.

Please refer to the answer to PM 308 (All Agency Indigenous Bodies) for Aboriginal Hostels Limited and the Torres Strait Regional Authority.

Please refer to PM 366 (All Agency Indigenous Bodies) for all Indigenous Affairs agencies in the portfolio for the period February 2014 to date.