

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Question:

1. How many ongoing staff were recruited from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification are these staff?
2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification are these staff?
3. From Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

ONA Response:

1. No ongoing staff have commenced since Additional Estimates on 28 February to 18 June 2014. One SES Band 2 staff member transferred to ONA on a temporary basis as an outcome of a recruitment process.
2. 8 non-ongoing staff members currently hold a position within ONA as at 18 June 2014 and their classifications are as follows:
 - 2 x ONA Band 3 (Executive Level 2)
 - 2 x ONA Band 1A (APS 5 and 6)
 - 4 x ONA Band 1B (APS 3 and 4)
3. As outlined in the *Office of National Assessments Act 1997*, employees engaged to perform the functions of the agency are employed under the *Public Service Act 1999* and not under contract. However, ONA does periodically engage specialists under labour hire contract arrangements.