

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Wong

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Question:

How many applicants applied for the agency's 2014 graduate program? How many were accepted?

What is the anticipated intake of graduates for the beginning of the 2015 year?

Is this a reduction from the previous year? If so, what are the reasons for the decrease in the graduate intake?

Have any Government decisions affected the level of graduate intake in the agency?

Answer:

1. The Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) participated in the Indigenous Pathways Program, which coordinates graduate applications for participating agencies in the APS. From this process, 9 people preferenced the APSC (i.e. applied to participate in the APSC Graduate Program). Two graduates were engaged from this process for the 2014 Graduate program.

2. The Australian Public Service Commission anticipates engaging 2 Graduates in 2015, subject to the government's recruitment policy at the relevant time.

3. The intake of Graduates in 2014 was also 2.

4. See response to 2.