

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017-18**

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**Senator:** Gallacher

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**Question:**

**Mr Lamarre:** The total workforce today, including contractors, subcontractors, ASC, employees, apprentices and so on are 1,543.

**Senator GALLACHER:** Can you break that down into permanent employees, apprentices, contractors and subcontractors?

**Ms Huxtable:** There are 1,193 full-time employees and 345 contractors and subcontractors. Within the 1,193 permanents there are 25 apprentices.

**Senator GALLACHER:** How does my addition go? I have 1,569 and you have got 1,543.

**Mr Lamarre:** Would you ask your question again?

**Senator GALLACHER:** At 28 February we had 1,231 and 338.

**Mr Lamarre:** That must have been missing subcontractors at the time.

**Senator GALLACHER:** Are we going up or down? That is what I am trying to work out.

**Mr Lamarre:** We have not gone up, no. The number you quoted earlier—1,200-and-some-odd—I do not believe included subcontractors. We today have 1,193, and so far this year we have had 53 employees laid off. Forty of those have been voluntary reductions.

**Senator Cormann:** This is specifically on the AWD program? You are not asking about the ASC overall. Is that right? I am just clarifying here.

**Senator GALLACHER:** I am just trying to reconcile the figures. The earlier figures were 1,569, and the figures you have today are 1,543.

**Senator Cormann:** But this is specifically in relation to the air warfare destroyer program, right? I am just making that very clear because there are, of course, also a large number of employees on the ASC submarine maintenance program.

**Senator GALLACHER:** We are talking about shipbuilding capacity, yes. We will work through that. You do not agree with the numbers you gave us in February?

**Mr Lamarre:** No, actually I do agree with the numbers I gave you in February. As I stated earlier, it did not include subcontractors at least. We would have to get back to you on notice on the specific difference between now and then.

**Answer:**

As at 6 May 2017, ASC Shipbuilding had 1,193 employees and 345 contractors and subcontractors. Compared to figures provided at previous Estimates in February, which were as at 20 February 2017, this is a reduction of 38 employees and an increase of seven contractors and subcontractors.