

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Department of the Senate**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates**

**18 – 21 November 2013**

**Question: 45**  
**Topic: Staffing recruitment**  
**Written: 26 November 2013**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

1. How many ongoing staff recruited from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?
2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?
3. From 7 September 2013 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

**Answer**

The department has recruited two ongoing employees since 7 September 2013:

- one at the Australian Parliamentary Executive Level 2; and
- one at the Australian Parliamentary Service Level 6.

The department has recruited one non-ongoing employee since 7 September 2013 at the Australian Parliamentary Executive Level 1.

The department employs ongoing and non-ongoing employees, with non-ongoing employees employed on contracts.

Six non-ongoing employees have commenced with the department since 7 September 2013 on fixed-term contracts and the average length of their employment periods is four months. Seven non-ongoing employees commenced on irregular or intermittent contracts.