

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Staffing recruitment**

Question: **279**

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Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited? What classification are these staff?
2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classification are these staff?
3. How many staff have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer

1. In the period since Budget Estimates (5 June 2014 to 30 September 2014) DPS has recruited a total of 25 ongoing staff. The table below refers to classifications:

PSL4	4
PSL5	2
PSL6	9
PEL1	8
PEL2	1
SES 1	1

2. At the end of the pay reporting period 4 June 2014 there were 120 non-ongoing staff. This figure has now increased to 152 non-ongoing staff (as the end of the pay period 24 September 2014). Of the 152 non-ongoing employees, there are 112 employees engaged on an irregular or intermittent (i.e. casual or sessional) basis. These employees primarily work during the parliamentary sitting periods to support service delivery in Security, Visitor Services and Hansard.

The classification levels of non-ongoing staff at 24 September 2014 are in the table below:

Apprentice1/2	1
PSL1	9
PSL1/2	38
PSL2	22
PSL3	16
PSL4	15
PSL4/5	3
PSL5	6
PSL5/6	17
PSL6	7
PEL1	16
PEL2	2

3. In the period since Budget Estimates (5 June 2014 to 30 September 2014), there have been a total of 59 non-ongoing staff (inclusive of casual and sessional staff) employed on contracts. The average length of their employment period is 8.2 months.