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**Topic:** Contracts for temporary staff

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## **Senator LUDWIG asked:**

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:

- 1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?
- 2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?
- 3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?
- 4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
- 5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?

## Answer

The department spent approximately \$84,608 on eight contractors since 4 June 2014. This includes legal advisors to various Senate committees.

Six contractors have commenced since 4 June 2014.

No recruitment agencies or companies were used to find contract staff.

There has not been any change to the requirements associated with the engagement of contractors since 4 June 2014.