

Question: 85

Topic: Staffing recruitment

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Senator LUDWIG asked:

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. Seven ongoing employees have been engaged since 6 June 2014. Their classifications are:
 - Australian Parliamentary Service Level 3 (1)
 - Australian Parliamentary Service Level 4 (1)
 - Australian Parliamentary Service Level 5 (1)
 - Australian Parliamentary Service Level 6 (3)
 - Parliamentary Executive Level 1 (1)
2. One non-ongoing position has been created since 6 June 2014. This position is at the Australian Parliamentary Service Level 1 classification and is an identified indigenous training position.

18 other non-ongoing positions exist in the department. The classifications of these positions are:
 - Australian Parliamentary Service Level 1 (4)
 - Australian Parliamentary Service Level 3 (5)
 - Australian Parliamentary Service Level 4 (1)
 - Australian Parliamentary Service Level 6 (8)

These employees generally support the work of the department during Senate sitting weeks including Senate Estimate hearings. A small number are engaged to support the Parliamentary Education Office.

The department employs either ongoing or non-ongoing employees. All non-ongoing employees are employed on contracts. Eleven non-ongoing employees have commenced with the department since 6 June 2014 on fixed-term contracts. The average length of their employment periods is approximately 11 months. Two non-ongoing employees commenced on irregular or intermittent contracts.