

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS– OCTOBER 2016

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government entities and prescribed private sector organisations, by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and statutory compliance inspections and reporting.

Topic: Staffing Levels

Senator: Senator McAllister

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Question:

Senator McAllister:

1. For the 2015-16 financial year, please outline:
 - a) How many staff were employed through labour hire arrangements;
 - b) Total expenditure on labour hire staff;
 - c) The contractors or labour hire firms engaged to supply these staff;
 - d) Total payments to each of the organisations that provided staff through either a labour hire arrangement or other contractual arrangement; and
 - e) The nature of the work performed by labour hire staff.

Answer:

1.
 - a) Eight.
 - b) The Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman (the office) spent \$274,299 (GST inclusive) on labour hire staff.
 - c) The office engaged Hays Personnel Services Australia Pty Ltd and Face2Face Recruitment Pty Ltd.
 - d) The office paid \$188,657 (GST inclusive) to Hays Personnel Services Australia Pty Ltd and \$85,643 (GST inclusive) to Face2Face Recruitment Pty Ltd.
 - e) Backfilling vacant positions, resourcing short-term projects and for specialist skills sets.