

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Corporate**

**Question No. 189**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:**

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

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

- 1) The table below shows the number of ongoing staff who have been recruited to the department during the period 1 November 2013 to 28 February 2014 by classification. These figures include 35 Graduates engaged at the APS3 level.

| <b>Classification</b> | <b>Number of ongoing staff recruited</b> |
|-----------------------|--|
| APS1                  | 1  |
| APS3                  | 36                                       |
| APS4                  | 4  |
| APS5                  | 3  |
| APS6                  | 10                                       |
| EL1                   | 6  |
| EL2                   | 2  |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>62</b>                                |

- 2) The table below shows the number of non-ongoing staff recruited to the department during the period 1 November 2013 to 28 February 2014 by classification. These figures include staff recruited to the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce (17), the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (9) and the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program (1).

| <b>Classification</b> | <b>Number of non-ongoing staff recruited</b> |
|-----------------------|--|
| APS1                  | 1  |
| APS2                  | 17   |
| APS4                  | 5  |
| APS5                  | 6  |
| APS6                  | 11   |
| EL1                   | 7  |
| EL2                   | 5  |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>52</b>                                    |

- 3) The Department is unable to provide information on the number of Contractors, as Contractors are not paid through our Human Resource system and it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to gather the information from the financial system. (Contractors for this purpose are defined as “staff employed on fixed term contracts” rather than “non-ongoing APS staff”, who are also employed on contract and are included in the response above)