

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

Program: General

Question No. AE16/094

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 9 February 2016:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

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?

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

1. Please see the table below.

2-4. To attempt to provide the level of detail requested from the portfolio would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

5. No. Contract staff are employed on an as needed basis consistent with operational requirements.

Department/Agency	Costs of temporary or contract staff since 14 September 2015
Attorney-General's Department	The Department is unable to provide information on the number of contractors or temporary staff, as they are not paid through its human resource system and it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to gather the information from the financial system. (Contractors or temporary staff for this purpose are defined as 'staff employed on fixed term contracts' rather than 'non-ongoing APS staff').
<i>Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption</i>	\$41 272
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	\$164 799
Australian Crime Commission	The ACC is unable to provide information on the number of contractors or temporary staff, as they are not paid through its human resource system and it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to gather the information from the financial system.

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	Nil
Australian Federal Police	The AFP is unable to provide information on the number of contractors or temporary staff, as they are not paid through its human resource system and it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to gather the information from the financial system. (Contractors or temporary staff for this purpose are defined as 'staff employed on fixed term contracts' rather than 'non-ongoing APS staff').
Australian Financial Security Authority	AFSA is unable to provide information on the number of contractors or temporary staff, as they are not paid through its human resource system and it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to gather the information from the financial system. (Contractors or temporary staff for this purpose are defined as 'staff employed on fixed term contracts' rather than 'non-ongoing APS staff').
Australian Human Rights Commission	Nil
Australian Institute of Criminology	\$14 435
Australian Law Reform Commission	Nil
Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation	ASIO does not provide this information for reasons of national security.
AUSTRAC	\$1 287 536
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	The CDPP is unable to provide information on the number of contractors or temporary staff, as they are not paid through its human resource system and it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to gather the information from the financial system. (Contractors or temporary staff for this purpose are defined as 'staff employed on fixed term contracts' rather than 'non-ongoing APS staff').
CrimTrac	Nil
Federal Court of Australia	\$531 410
Family Court and Federal Circuit Court	The Department is unable to provide information on the number of contractors or temporary staff, as they are not paid through its human resource system and it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to gather the information from the financial system. (Contractors or temporary staff for this purpose are defined as 'staff employed on fixed term contracts' rather than 'non-ongoing APS staff').

High Court of Australia	Nil
National Archives of Australia	The Agency is unable to provide information on the number of contractors or temporary staff, as they are not paid through its human resource system and it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to gather the information from the financial system. (Contractors or temporary staff for this purpose are defined as 'staff employed on fixed term contracts' rather than 'non-ongoing APS staff').
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	\$18 756.01
Office of Parliamentary Counsel	\$124 639