

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

Group: 1

Program: Whole-of-Portfolio

Question No. SBE14/112

Senator Ludwig asked the following written question from the 20 November and 11 December 2014 hearings.

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?

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 across the portfolio would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources
5. Contract staff are employed on an as need basis consistent with operational requirements.

Department/Agency	Costs of temporary or contract staff since 31 May 2014
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').
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	\$30,538.74
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	Nil
Australian Council for the Arts	\$599,757
Australian Crime Commission	\$526,823.83
Australian Federal Police	\$4,936,512
Australian Film, Television and Radio School	\$2,218,424*

Department/Agency	Costs of temporary or contract staff since 31 May 2014
Australian Financial Security Authority	\$4,318,144
Australian Human Rights Commission	\$1,424,575
Australian Institute of Criminology	\$126,213
Australian Law Reform Commission	\$3,580
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	ASIO does not provide this information for reasons of national security.
Australian National Maritime Museum	\$2,065,492
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	\$320,285*
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	\$241,257
Creative Partnerships Australia	\$16,169
CrimTrac Agency	\$1,945,846
Family Court and Federal Circuit Court	\$906,943
Federal Court of Australia	\$1,439,075
High Court of Australia	\$203,802*
Museum of Australian Democracy/Old Parliament House	\$8,322.87
National Archives of Australia	\$57,043
National Film and Sound Archive	\$85,472.36
National Gallery of Australia	\$357,084
National Library of Australia	To attempt to provide the detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources
National Museum of Australia	\$122,534
National Portrait Gallery of Australia	\$97,300
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	\$268,477.15
Office of Parliamentary Counsel	\$8,935
Screen Australia	\$20,831.81

* reporting period covers 31 May to 31 November 2014 due to financial management systems only allowing for end of month reporting.