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Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Ludwig asked:

- a) How many ongoing staff recruited from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?
- b) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?
- c) 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?

Answer:

a)

Number of ongoing staff recruited from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014	
Department of the Environment ¹	23 ²
Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)	30
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	0
Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA)	1
National Water Commission (NWC)	0
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (SHFT) ³	0
Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	3
Climate Change Authority (CCA)	0

Nominal classification of ongoing staff recruited from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014								
Classification	Department ¹	BoM	GBRMPA	MDBA	NWC	SHFT ³	CER	CCA
Trainee								
Cadet								
Graduate		23					1	
APS 1/2	3							
APS 3	3	1						
APS 4	5						1	
APS 5	2	1						
APS 6	3	3						
Executive Level 1	5	2						
Executive Level 2	1							
SES Band 1				1			1	
SES Band 2	1							
SES Band 3								
Total	23	30	0	1	0	0	3	0

b)

Number of existing non-ongoing employees as at 31 January 2014	
Department of the Environment ¹	422 ⁴
Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)	211
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	47
Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA)	19
National Water Commission (NWC)	4
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (SHFT) ³	53
Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	15
Climate Change Authority (CCA)	2

Actual classification of existing non-ongoing employees as at 31 January 2014								
Classification	Department ¹	BoM	GBRMPA	MDBA	NWC	SHFT ³	CER	CCA
Trainee	1					2		
Cadet								
Graduate								
APS 1/2	61	4	8			1		
APS 3	147	7	1			10	1	
APS 4	47	6	8	3		5	4	
APS 5	57	15	6	1		8	4	
APS 6	59	74	22	8	2	8	3	
Executive Level 1	26	87	2	6	2	8	1	1
Executive Level 2	23	17		1		6	1	1
SES Band 1	1	1						
SES Band 2								
SES Band 3						5		
CEO							1	
Total	422	211	47	19	4	53	15	2

c)

	Number of employees employed on contract (non-ongoing) from 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014	Average length of their employment period (in weeks)
Department ¹	64	33 ⁵
BoM	21	45
GBRMPA	3	4
MDBA	4	39
NWC	4	37
SHFT ³	9	130
CER	1	36
CCA	0	0

¹ Includes information for the Director of National Parks

² This figure excludes 268 transfers into the Department as a result of machinery of government changes.

³ Sydney Harbour Federation Trust staff are not employed under the Australian Public Service Act. Classification levels shown are equivalent to APS levels.

⁴ Of these non-ongoing employees, 381 are engaged in Parks Australia Division and the Australian Antarctic Division to meet seasonal staffing needs.

⁵ This figure excludes non-ongoing contracts with the Australian Antarctic Division due to special circumstances governing the contracts of Antarctic expeditioners.