

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of National Assessments

**Outcome/Program:** 1

**Topic:** Staffing recruitment

**Senator:** Senator Ludwig

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**Question:**

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?

**ONA Response:**

1. Six ongoing staff members have been recruited from 18 November 2013 to 28 February 2014. Their classifications are as follows:
  - a. 3 x ONA Band 3 (EL2)
  - b. 1 x ONA Band 1A (APS5/6)
  - c. 2 x ONA Band 1B (APS3/4)
2. Twelve non-ongoing staff members currently hold a position within ONA and their classifications are as follows:
  - a. 3 x ONA Band 3
  - b. 4 x ONA Band 1A (APS5/6)
  - c. 5 x ONA Band 1B (APS3/4)
3. As outlined in the *Office of National Assessments Act 1997*, employees engaged to perform the functions of the agency are employed under the *Public Service Act 1999* and not under contract. However, ONA does periodically engage specialists under labour hire contract arrangements.