Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES 24 MAY 2010

DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

Department/Agency: AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Topic: Staffing

Senator: Barnett

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- (a) How many permanent staff recruited since additional estimates (Feb 2010)?
- (b) What level are these staff?
- (c) How many temporary positions exist or have been created since additional estimates?

(d) Since additional estimates, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answers:

(a) 2 (between additional estimates and budget estimates)

(b) Executive Level 1

(c) At 24 May 2010 there were 18 temporary employees at the Commission (including nonongoing employees and ongoing APS employees on temporary transfer to the Commission). This includes 13 non-ongoing employees, 5 of whom were new since last estimates, and 5 employees on temporary transfer from another agency, 2 of who were new since last estimates.

(d) Four employees have been employed on contract (that is, via an external agency paid through the finance system). The average length of their employment period is three months.

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