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Topic: Staffing

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Questions

1. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?

Answer

Fourteen ongoing staff members have commenced with the department this financial year to date. The classification of those employees is listed below:

Classification	Number of employees
Parliamentary Executive Level 1	2
Australian Parliamentary Service Level 6	3
Australian Parliamentary Service Level 5	1
Australian Parliamentary Service Level 4	2
Australian Parliamentary Service Level 3	5
Australian Parliamentary Service Level 2	1

2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?

Answer

One temporary Australian Parliamentary Service Level 2 position was created this financial year and was subsequently made permanent.

Two temporary Parliamentary Executive Level 1s were also created but one was not filled.

The department received funding for additional temporary staff as part of New Policy Proposals. These temporary positions are yet to be created.

3. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer

The department employs either ongoing or non-ongoing employees. All non-ongoing employees are employed on contracts. Twenty non-ongoing employees have commenced with the department this financial year to date on fixed term contracts. The average length of

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their employment period is five months. Seven non-ongoing employees commenced on irregular or intermittent contracts.