

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2013**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Communications Staff**

Question: **151**

Written **Senator Kroger**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 12 July 2013

- a. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:
 1. By Department or agency:
 - i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
 - ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
 - iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
 - iv. How many are graphic designers?
 - v. How many are media managers?
 - vi. How many organise events?
 - b. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?

Answer

- a) Communications staff as at 31 March 2013.
 - i. One ongoing staff: 1 x PEL1 full time, Communication Manager, Strategy and Performance Branch, duties include internal and external communication.
 - ii. One non-ongoing staff: 1 x PSL4² full time from 3 December 2012 to 24 May 2013, Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary DPS. Duties include media liaison, internal and external communication
 - iii. Nil.
 - iv. Nil.
 - v. Nil.
 - vi. Nil.
- b) DPS provides broadcasting facilities for Parliament; but does not run independent media studios for its own benefit.

² In the answer to Question on Notice 111 dated 2 April 2013, this position was incorrectly omitted.