

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:  
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2013-14  
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

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**Department:** Parliamentary Budget Office

**Topic:** Communication staff

**Senator:** Senator Scott Ryan

**Question reference number:** 94

**Type of question:** Written

**Question**

- a) **For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:**

**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) The Parliamentary Budget Office does not employ any public relations, or media staff. One Parliamentary Service Level 4 employee undertakes the PBO's communications role as a component of their duties. Activities undertaken include managing the PBO's web pages, distributing media releases and administering the PBO's twitter account.
- b) No.