

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Additional Estimates - May 2013

ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Communications Staff

Senator: Ryan

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Type of Question: Written

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1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:
 - a. 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?
2. 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:

1.

a.

- i. Two ongoing media staff – 1 x GHO8 and 1 x GHO4, both located at Government House Canberra. GHO8 - Strategic Communications Adviser provides strategic advice to the Official Secretary on media and publicity matters.

GHO4 – Media and Communications Adviser provides advice on media and publicity matters and undertakes wide-ranging research and administrative duties.

- ii. nil
- iii. nil
- iv. nil
- v. nil
- vi. nil

2. No. N/A.