

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2012

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Staffing 2011–12**

Question: **179**

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- How many ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?
- How many non ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?
- How many contract staff left were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? What is the average length of their employment period?

Answer

- a) DPS recruited 65 ongoing staff in 2011–12. The table below indicates the classification and number of staff recruited.

PSL 1/2	PSL 2	PSL 3	PSL 4	PSL 4/5	PSL 5	PSL 5/6*	PSL 6	PEL 1	PEL 2	SES 1	Total
6	13	1	4	1	6	4	9	11	9	1	65

* Figures provided in response to BE QoN 78 on 6 July 2012 showed five staff members recruited to the PSL5/6 classification. This was an error in the payroll data and has been corrected.

- b) Non-ongoing staff are engaged for a specific term or for the duration of a specified task, or for duties that are irregular or intermittent, also known as casuals. For 2011–12, 71 non-ongoing staff (31 of whom were casual staff) commenced employment. The following table indicates the classification and non-ongoing staff engaged in the financial year.

	Apprentice 1/2	PSL 1	PSL 1/2	PSL 1-3	PSL 2	PSL 2/3	PSL3	PSL4	PSL 4/5	PSL 5*	PSL6	PEL1	PEL2	SES 1	Secretary*	Total
Casual	0	5	13	0	1		7	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	31
Non-ongoing	1	0	0	1	5	2	2	5	5	3	4	5	3	2	2	40
Total	1	5	13	1	6	2	9	8	5	3	6	5	3	2	2	71

* Figures provided in response to BE QoN 78 on 6 July 2012 showed four non-ongoing staff members engaged at the PSL5 classification. This was an error in the payroll data and has been corrected. Two Secretaries were engaged during this period (Russell D. Grove and Carol Mills) following the separation of Alan Thompson.

- c) Non-ongoing and casual staff are employed on an employment contract under the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999*. Details for these staff are included under a) and b) above. The average period of employment for non-ongoing staff is 10.94 months. The average includes the engagements of the Secretary and two apprentices for specified periods of 3–4 years.