

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(75) Program : Internal Product

Senator Barnett asked:

How many temporary positions exist or have been created since budget estimates?

Answer:

The number of temporary employees recruited since budget estimates in May 2009 is 472. The majority of these positions were for periods of one year or less.

Classification level	Non-ongoing Full Time	Non-ongoing Intermittent-Casual	Non-ongoing Part Time	Total
APS1	11	2	4	17
APS2	42	0	0	42
APS3	305	0	5	310
APS4	27	0	3	30
APS5	12	0	0	12
APS6	15	1	4	20
EXEC1	25	0	3	28
EXEC2	5	0	0	5
LEGAL	4	0	0	4
PAO1	1	0	0	1
SEB1	0	0	1	1
Senior Legal Officer	1	0	0	1
Senior Public Affairs Officer Grade B	1	0	0	1
Grand Total	449	3	20	472

Note:

Following the implementation of the New *Public Service Act 1999* there is no longer a requirement to formally create or reclassify positions under the new Act. Where, however an agency wishes to create a position (e.g. for the performance of statutory functions, and nominate an employee to occupy it) s77 of the Act provides a power.

The department still creates positions at a classification level rather than a category of employee as per the above change and the number of non-ongoing employees can be measured, however reporting by category position numbers is not possible.

Section 77

(1) An Agency Head may, in writing, create positions in the Agency.

(2) An Agency Head may from time to time nominate any APS employee in the Agency to occupy a position in the Agency, but does not have to do so for all APS employees in the Agency.

(3) A provision of any Act that applies to APS employees who are nominated under this section to occupy a position applies in the same way to APS employees who are not nominated under this section to occupy a position.