

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Group 2**

**Question No. 87**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:**

Communications staff

1. For the department, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:
  - a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
  - b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
  - c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
  - d) How many are graphic designers?
  - e) How many are media managers?
  - f) How many organise events?
2. Does the department have an independent media studio/s? 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?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

- a) The Department's media, public relations and communication staff are located in the Ministerial, Parliamentary and Communication Branch and undertake a range of work including design, media liaison, strategic communication and crisis communication. As at 18 November 2013, the Department engages four EL2s, six EL1s, four APS6s, one APS5 and two APS4s.
  - b) The Department has one non-ongoing APS4 located in the Ministerial, Parliamentary and Communication Branch who undertakes a range of work including media liaison and strategic communication.
  - c) Nil
  - d) Two staff are graphic designers (one APS6 and one APS5).
  - e) Two staff are media managers (two EL2s).
  - f) Nil.
2. No.