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## ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Social Services Portfolio<br>Services Australia

Topic: Staffing breakdown
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## Question:

CHAIR: I appreciate that evidence about last year, and I think you gave some more detailed evidence to a question on notice from, I think, Senator O'Neill, which dealt with some of those issues. Your answer sits comfortably with some of that information. It would be of value to the committee-on notice, of course-for the 2020-21, 2019-20 and 2018-19 years, for you to set out how many full-time APS staff, at the APS levels and the EL levels, and how many nonongoing and labour hire staff there were in each of those years. I think that would give the committee a reasonable baseline for those three years and would be of assistance.
Mr Nelson: Yes, I'll take that on notice.

## Answer:

A summary of the 2019-20 and 2018-19 years APS workforce information is available in the relevant Services Australia Annual Reports.

As the 2020-21 Annual Report is yet to be released, the table below displays the Services Australia's workforce headcount for the 2020-21 year (as at 30 June 2021).

| APS CLASSIFICATION | APS Ongoing - <br> Full Time | APS Ongoing - <br> Part Time | APS Non-Ongoing <br> (including casual <br> employees) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| APS Trainee (includes Traines, Graduates, Cadets and <br> Apprentices) | 330 | 16 | 0 |
| APS 1 | 48 | 11 | 1 |
| APS 2 | 47 | 19 | 0 |
| APS 3 | 1,624 | 691 | 5,502 |
| APS 4 | 5,337 | 3,940 | 1,345 |
| APS 5 | 3,224 | 868 | 180 |
| APS 6 | 4,726 | 1,437 | 72 |
| EL 1 | 2,767 | 407 | 13 |
| EL 2 | 1,172 | 74 | 4 |
| Total Headcount as at 30 June 2021 | $\mathbf{1 9 , 2 7 5}$ | $\mathbf{7 , 4 6 3}$ | $\mathbf{7 , 1 1 7}$ |

The labour hire/contractor headcount is:

| 30 June 2021 | 30 June 2020 | 30 June 2019 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4,269 | 7,103 | 5,283 |

