Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2014-15 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: DSS Grants Process

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Senator Brown, Carol asked:

How many staff were engaged in the assessment process? Can you please provide a break down by level and location?

Answer:

There was an average of 104 FTE over a 12 week period commencing 28 July to 18 October 2014 working within the Assessment Centre to manage the selections process.

The average 104 FTE comprised of 67 FTE for departmental staff and 37 FTE for contractors.

The 67 FTE departmental staff comprised of the following levels:

- 5% APS4
- 27% APS5
- 44% APS6
- 24% EL1

The 37 FTE contractors comprised of the following levels:

- 10% APS4
- 55% APS5
- 28% APS6
- 7% EL1

Location of assessment staffing as follows:

- 55% National Office (Tuggeranong)
- 45% Network Offices (State Offices)