

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 11 FEBRUARY 2016 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Contracts for temporary staff

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Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

- a) How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?
- b) How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?
- c) What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?
- d) How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
- e) Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?

Answer:

- a) The department spent \$23.5 million on contractors during the period 14 September 2015 to 31 December 2015.
- b) The department employed 407 contractors across the period 14 September 2015 to 31 December 2015.
- c) On 31 December 2015, the total number of contractors employed by the department was 385.
- d) Nil.
- e) No.