

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Contract Management

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Senator Fifield asked:

How many officers (FTE equivalent estimate) are there in the Department at the moment who manage contracts? Provide data broken up into meaningful categories, including officers working on funding grants. Please also provided numbers at SES level.

Answer:

As at 31 October 2011 there were 7.87 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Officers who spend more than 75 per cent of their time managing contracts. Broad categories of contracts managed are provided in the table below. There were no SES Officers identified.

Category of Contract	Number of FTE
Communication Services	2.87
Computer and IT Hardware	1
Contracts Various – supply arrangements	1
Social Policy Research	2
Information Technology	1
Total	7.87

The Department has limited the definition of contracts to include only: purchase orders, sales and purchasing contracts, leasing agreements, partnership agreements, trade agreements, and intellectual property agreements that appear on Austender.

The Department does not record data in a way that would readily identify FTE for management of funding grants. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of Departmental resources.