

## Senate Community Affairs Committee

### ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

#### HEALTH PORTFOLIO

#### Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 20 November 2013

**Question:** E13- 004

**OUTCOME:** 1 – Population Health

**Topic:** Staffing

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**Senator:** McLucas

**Question:**

- a) How many appointments have there been since the election (7 September)?
- b) What positions were filled?
- c) What process was followed?
- d) Are the appointments permanent or fixed-term?

**Answer:**

- a) The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), a fully cost-recovered regulator, appointed 27 scientific, medical and administrative staff over the period 9 September to 30 November 2013. Twenty offers were made during the period 7 September to 31 October 2013. Seven offers were made during the period 1 November to 30 November 2013.
- b) The scientific, medical and administrative roles filled comprised:
  - 6 x APS Level 3 (4 x Clinical Trials/Special Access Scheme Officers, 1 x Administrative Support Officer, 1 x Records Officer)
  - 3 x APS Level 4 (2 x Executive Assistants, 1 x Public Contact Officer)
  - 4 x APS Level 5 (1 x Web Administrator, 1 x Accounts Receivable Officer, 2 x Medical Device Assessors)
  - 4 x APS Level 6 (2 x Evaluators, 1 x Senior Workforce Planning Officer, 1 x Medical Device Assessor)
  - 4 x Executive Level 1 (1 x Assistant Director, 1 x Toxicologist, 1 x Policy Project and Information Officer, 1 x Biomedical/Software Engineer)
  - 2 x Executive Level 2 (2 x Directors)
  - 2 x Medical Officer Class 4; and
  - 2 x Medical Officer Class 2.
- c) The appointments were made using the following processes:
  - a formal merit based selection process that began before the election;
  - placement of staff at level through the departmental reassignment/mobility registers;
  - the TGA temporary employment register; and
  - through a Recruitment Agency.
- d) The appointments were for 17 permanent and 10 temporary assignments.