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Communications Portfolio
Special Broadcasting Service

Question No: 179(c)

Special Broadcasting Service

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Topic: Contracts for temporary staff

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

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

1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?
2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?
3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?
4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff.

Answer:

1. SBS spent \$985,293.
2. 24 contractors and contributors.
3. 822 contractors and contributors.
4. To attempt to provide this level of detail (just for the agency spend) would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
5. No. SBS has preferred supplier panels in place for providing contractors across the organisation. Terms & Conditions are agreed upfront. The criteria are assessed against these panels and the role description.