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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. Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September 2015 (and up until 31 January), the spend on temporary or contract staff was \$31,500,000.
2. Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September 2015, 492 temporary or contract staff have been employed.
3. The total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed is 1173.
4. Temporary and contract staff rates, fees and commercial models vary between the agencies and companies who provide these resources. Detailed analysis of each contract, the temporary or contract staff engaged and the commercial models negotiated for company and agency required to determine the fees paid for these resources. To provide the level of detail requested is an unreasonable diversion of resources.
5. The Temporary Workforce Resource Policy is currently undergoing revisions which are still draft.