Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice Additional Estimates Hearings February 2016 Communications Portfolio Australia Council

Question No: 179(g)

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## **Topic:** Contracts for Temporary Staff Senator Ludwig 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. \$133,271 (excluding GST) paid up to 19 February 2016.
- 2. Six temporary workers have been engaged between 14 September 2015 and 19 February 2016.
- 3. Five temporary workers were engaged at 19 February 2016.
- 4. Nil.
- 5. No.