

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Question No: 179(k)

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Topic: Contracts for Temporary Staff

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

National Cultural Institutions

- Australian National Maritime Museum
- National Film and Sound Archive
- National Gallery of Australia
- National Library of Australia
- National Museum of Australia
- National Portrait Gallery
- The Museum of Australian Democracy

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:

Australian National Maritime Museum

1. For the period 14 September 2015 – 08 February 2016 the ANMM spent \$ 1,172,592.24 on all temporary or contract staff.
2. Nil.
3. On 8 February 2016, there were 20 contract staff placed against museum positions. The museum also engaged casuals, such as teachers and sailing crew, on an ad-hoc basis.
4. Nil.
5. No.

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1. \$29,403.22 (excluding GST). The costs shown are only those in relation to those temporary or contract staff not paid through the payroll system.
2. To attempt to provide the level of detail requested would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
3. Less than 1 Full time equivalent (FTE).
4. \$31,499.79 (excluding GST).
5. No change.

National Gallery of Australia

1. \$1,795,997.60
2. 57 temporary staff have been employed.
3. 121 temporary staff are currently employed.
4. Nil
5. No.

National Library of Australia

- 1-4. To attempt to provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
5. No.

National Museum of Australia

Contractors for this purpose are defined as 'staff employed on fixed term contracts' rather than 'non-ongoing APS staff'.

1. \$458,552 (GST Excl).
- 2-4. To attempt to provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
5. No.

National Portrait Gallery

1. Nil.
2. Nil.
3. Nil.
4. Nil.
5. No.

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1. No temporary or contract staff have been employed by the agency.
2. N/A.
3. N/A.
4. N/A.
5. N/A.