

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2016**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Australia Post**

**Question No: 181(d)**

**Australia Post**

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**Topic: Communications Staff**

**Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:**

1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:
2. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
3. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
4. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
5. How many are graphic designers?
6. How many are media managers?
7. How many organise events?
8. Have these arrangements changed since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015? If yes, please detail.

**Answer:**

- 1-4. As at 29 January 2016, 38 communications staff service the business and workforce communications needs of a national workforce of more than 38,000 people. Four Heads of Business Communications manage teams that work across Australia Post's Business Units - Postal and eCommerce Services, Trusted eCommerce Solutions, Parcel and eCommerce Services, Group Business Services, and Group and Channels. There are 3 contract staff working in the team, the remainder are ongoing employees. Australia Post does not use the public service employment classification system and is therefore unable to provide this information. All communications staff are based in Melbourne.
5. None.
6. A media team of four employees manage all enquiries to the Australia Post national media line.
7. Of the 38 communications and media staff, none are event organisers.
8. No, these arrangements has not changed.