

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Australian Communications and Media Authority**

**Question No: 159**

**Program No. Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Contracts for Temporary Staff**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. How much did the Department/Agency spend on temporary or contract staff since 7 September 2013?
  2. How many temporary or contract staff were employed since 7 September 2013?
  3. How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed?
  4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
  5. How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff?
  6. What policies/criteria govern the appointment of Contract staff?
- How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?

**Answer:**

1. The ACMA spent \$1,123,889.80 on temporary or contract staff since 7 September 2013.
2. 10.
3. 29.
4. Nil.
5. \$2.2 million
6. Contract staff are engaged consistent with the APSC policy of late 2013. Contract staff provide resourcing where skills are not readily available or for short term projects where the engagement of public service staff would not be economic.