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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Communications Portfolio
Australia Post

Question No: 237

Program No: Australia Post

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?
7. How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?

Answer:

The following details relate to Australia Post (subsidiaries excluded):

1. Financial data is not captured at this level.
2. 1,016 people have been employed on non-ongoing contracts since September 2013.
3. 1,136 people on non-ongoing contracts are currently employed.
4. Financial data is not captured at this level.
5. Financial data is not captured at this level.
6. The policies that apply to non-ongoing staff are consistent with those that apply to ongoing staff.
7. As a Government Business Enterprise, Australia Post is not subject to the Australian Public Service Commission requirements.