

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 632

Program No. Corporate

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Contract extensions

Senator Lundy asked:

1. Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts has your Department/Agency extended?
2. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your Department/Agency submit the Public Service Commission for approval?
3. How many of these extensions were approved by the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC)?
4. For every approved extension please provide the following details:
 - a. The employees age.
 - b. Their gender.
 - c. A description of their position.
 - d. Their APS classification level.
 - e. Their wage.
 - f. Where they are located.
 - g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS.
 - h. The length of the approved extension.
 - i. The reason why the extension was submitted.
 - j. The reason why the extension was approved by the APSC.
 - k. Please provide all relevant dates.
5. How many of these extensions were rejected by the APSC?
6. For every rejected extension please provide the following details:
 - a. The employee's age.
 - b. Their gender.
 - c. A description of their position.
 - d. Their wage.
 - e. Where they were located.
 - f. Their length of continuous employment at the APS.
 - g. The length of the extension sought by the Department/Agency.
 - h. The reason why the extension was submitted.
 - i. The reason why the extension was rejected by the APSC.
 - j. Please provide all relevant dates.

Answer:

1. 23.
2. Nil. Submission to the APSC for approval was not required. In line with the interim recruitment arrangements, Agency Heads advise the APS Commissioner in writing on a monthly basis, providing details of when they have agreed to a new or extended non-ongoing engagement with details and reasons for the decision.

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3. Not applicable.
4. Not applicable.
5. Nil.
6. Not applicable.