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Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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COMMISSIONER
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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: How many applications did the commissioner refuse?

Ms Carlos: I do not have any information on refusals, but the department requested the Public Service Commissioner's approval to recruit two critical specialist roles on 65 occasions.

Senator URQUHART: Can you provide on notice whether there were any refusals by the commissioner?

Ms Carlos: Yes, Senator.

Answer:

During 2013-14 (as at 30 April 2014) the Australian Public Service Commissioner has refused eight applications to advertise a vacancy. The Australian Public Service Commissioner also refused a further six applications to advertise a vacancy to all eligible members of the community but approved these positions to be advertised as open to Australian Public Service employees only.