

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 144  
**Hearing:** Budget Estimates  
**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division  
**Topic:** PORTFOLIO WIDE - NON-ONGOING CONTRACTS  
**Hansard Page:** N/A  
**Question Date:** 5 June 2014  
**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Lundy asked:**

1. Since 18 September 2013, how many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?
2. For every unapproved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:
  - a. Their age
  - b. Their gender
  - c. A description of their position
  - d. Their wage
  - e. Where their position is located
  - f. Their position's APS level classification
  - g. The length of their non-ongoing contract
  - h. Whether their position was advertised externally
  - i. The reason for engaging this new employee
  - j. The reason for engaging this employee without the APSC's approval.
  - k. Please provide all relevant dates

**Answer:**

1. Agency heads have the authority to engage and extend employees on non-ongoing contracts without seeking approval from the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) . Therefore, approvals have not been sought from the APSC for individual non-ongoing engagements or extensions.
2. Not applicable.