

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment and Energy portfolio**

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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Senator URQUHART: Can you tell me how long the department has used labour hire companies?

Ms Goodwin: I would not be able to give you an exact time frame, but it has always been a possibility to use for intermittent labour, depending on workloads.

Senator URQUHART: I understand that. The question was: how long has the department used them?

Ms Goodwin: I would have to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

The Department has used intermittent labour, including labour hire arrangements, to various degrees since the establishment of the Department.

Data access limitations do not allow for the provision of an exact timeframe.