

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Special Broadcasting Service**

**Question No: 505**

**Program No. Special Broadcasting Service**

**Hansard Ref: Hansard** In writing

**Topic:** Contracts for temporary staff

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?
2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?
3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?
4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?

**Answers**

1. Total reported spend against the contractor code is \$4,563,000 (1 Jun 2014 – 31 Oct 2014)
2. 749 (1 Jun 2014 – 31 Oct 2014)
3. 260 as at 1 June 2014
4. The spend on contractors is costed to a central code, breakdown of salary and ongoing cost vs. one of payments are not distinguished. To manually determine the costs would be an unnecessary diversion of resources.
5. No