

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

**Question No: 618**

**Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

**Hansard Ref: 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?

**Answer:**

1. For the period 1 June 2014 to 30 November 2014 the ABC spent \$12.1 million on all temporary and contract staff.
2. Since the budget estimates in June 2014 a total of 125 new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts. *(data at 14 December 2014 – excludes casuals)*
3. The ABC currently employs 630 non-ongoing contract employees. *(data at 14 December 2014 – excludes casuals)*
4. The ABC does not differentiate between amounts paid to agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff as opposed to full-time staff. As a result, this information is not available.
5. Since the budget estimates in June 2014 there have been no changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff.