

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: Australian Taxation Office

Question: AET 1208-1212

Topic: Contracts for temporary staff

Reference: written - 19 February 2016

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

- 1208. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?
- 1209. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?
- 1210. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?
- 1211. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
- 1212. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?

Answer:

- 1208. From 1 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, the ATO spent \$107,869,519 (GST exclusive) on temporary or contract staff.
- 1209. Temporary or contract staff engaged by the ATO from third party service providers/labour hire firms was 120 contractors.
- 1210. As at 31 January 2016, the ATO had 1,904 temporary or contract staff employed.
- 1211. No payments are made to agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff. The labour hire framework is based on a pay-as-you-go system, therefore placement fees are not paid.
- 1212. There have been no changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff during the period 1 September 2015 to 31 January 2016.