## Senate Economics Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Treasury Portfolio Budget Estimates 2014 3 June to 5 June 2014

**Department/ Agency:** Commonwealth Grants Commission **Question:** BET 2387-2393 **Topic:** Contracts for Temporary Staff **Reference:** Written – 12 June 2014 **Senator:** Ludwig

## **Question:**

- 2387. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7th 2013?
- 2388. How many temporary or contract staff were employed since September 7th 2013?
- 2389. How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed?
- 2390. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
- 2391. How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff?
- 2392. What policies/criteria govern the appointment of Contract staff?
- 2393. How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?

## Answer:

- 2387. \$18310
- 2388. One
- 2389. One
- 2390. Nil
- 2391. Nil
- 2392. Contract staff are used infrequently when workload exceeds the capacity of CGC staff for a short duration. It is usual for contract work to be offered to retired CGC staff who have a proven record of the knowledge and skills required to perform the work.
- 2393. The use of former CGC employees ensures consistency with a professional, independent public service.