

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

**Department/Agency: ATO**

**Question: SBT 1934-1938**

**Topic: Contracts for Temporary Staff**

**Reference: written - 31 October 2014**

**Senator: Ludwig**

**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1934. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?
1935. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?
1936. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?
1937. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
1938. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?

**Answer:**

1934. From 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014, the ATO spent \$22,668,129.39 (GST inclusive) on temporary or contract staff. Temporary or contract staff are contractors provided by third party service providers/labour hire firms.
1935. From 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014, the ATO has engaged 129 contractors.
1936. As at 31 October 2014, the ATO's total labour hire workforce comprises 265 contractors.
1937. 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.
1938. No.