

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates**

2014 - 2015

**Department/Agency: ACNC**

**Question: SBT4126-4130**

**Topic: Contracts for Temporary Staff**

**Reference: Written - 30 October 2014**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

- 4126. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?
- 4127. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?
- 4128. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?
- 4129. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
- 4130. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?

**Answer:**

Since the commencement of the ACNC on 3 December 2012, the annualised staff attrition rate has been approximately 23%, which has limited the ACNC's ability to undertake large projects with ongoing staff.

The ACNC has employed temporary staff as part of an essential, one-off project, to build and populate the ACNC Charity Register.

The information on the ACNC Charity Register was transferred to the ACNC by the Australian Taxation Office on 3 December 2012. The ATO had no obligation to maintain up-to-date information on charities it had endorsed for tax purposes.

When the information of 56,000 registered charities was transferred to the ACNC, much of it was out of date and many charities had ceased to exist. The ACNC was required to try and track down thousands of missing charities and undertook a project to contact and confirm their details.

This has been a labour-intensive process.

This project is important to enhancing public trust and confidence as it has created a reliable source of information about Australia's registered charities, available free of charge to the public and donors.

4126. The ACNC has spent \$855,469 on temporary/contract staff during this period.

4127. The ACNC has employed 19 temporary/contract staff during this period.

4128. The ACNC currently has 8 temporary/contract staff employed.

4129-4130. For responses to questions 4 to 5, please refer to the Australian Taxation Office response SBT 1934-1938.