

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Question No: 50

Topic: Contractors and consultants - Labour hire arrangements

Reference: Written

Senator: McAllister, Jenny

Question:

For the 2015-16 financial year, please outline:

- a) How many staff were employed through labour hire arrangements;
- b) Total expenditure on labour hire staff;
- c) The contractors or labour hire firms engaged to supply these staff;
- d) Total payments to each of the organisations that provided staff through either a labour hire arrangement or other contractual arrangement; and
- e) The nature of the work performed by labour hire staff.

Answer:

For the 2015-16 financial year:

- a) The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) employed approximately 160 staff through labour hire arrangements
- b) Total expenditure was \$12,846,000.00.
- c-d) The requested details (c-d) for contracts above \$10,000 for contractors or labour hire firms engaged to supply staff in the 2015-16 financial year are listed on AusTender – www.tenders.gov.au
- e) The ABS engages labour hire staff where required skills are currently unavailable within the ABS.