

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000225**

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

***Communications staff***

**Question**

1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:
2. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
3. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
4. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
5. How many are graphic designers?
6. How many are media managers?
7. How many organise events?

Have these arrangements changed since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015? If yes, please detail.

**Answer**

As at 29 January 2014, there was a total of 32.6 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff performing communication related activities. The total staffing number has increased by 2.6 FTE due to Machinery of Government changes in November 2015 with the transfer of Early Childhood and Child Care functions to the department.

2. Ongoing staff:

	Total FTE	Type of work			Location
		Comms	Media	Events	
<b>Classification</b>					
SES Band 1	1	1	—	—	Canberra
Executive level 2	4	3	1	—	Canberra
Executive level 1	11.6	8.8	2	0.8	Canberra / Melbourne (0.8 staff)
APS 6	6.4	3.4	1	2	Canberra
APS 5	3	2	1	—	Canberra
APS 3	3	3	—	—	Canberra
	<b>29</b>	21.2	5	2.8	

3. Non-ongoing staff:

	Total FTE	Type of work			Location
		Comms	Media	Events	
<b>Classification</b>					Canberra
Executive level 2	1	1	—	—	Canberra
Executive level 1	0.6	0.6	—	—	Canberra
APS 6	2	2	—	—	Canberra
	<b>3.6</b>	3.6	—	—	

4. There are no contractors engaged by the Communication Branch.
5. There are no graphic designers employed by the Communication Branch. Graphic design work is provided to the department primarily through the shared Services Centre.
6. There is one full-time media manager.
7. There are 2.8 FTE staff whose duties include organising events.