

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000493

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

ACARA: Contracts for Temporary Staff

Question

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

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

Answer

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has provided the following response for the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016:

1. ACARA spent \$439,721 on temporary and contract staff.
2. ACARA engaged a total of 25 temporary and contract staff.
3. ACARA currently has 10 temporary and contract staff engaged.
4. Nil. There are no costs as ACARA sources temporary staff on the terms of the NSW Government C0007 prequalification scheme for contingent workers.
5. There have been no changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff.