

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000211

Senator McKenzie provided in writing.

Question

ASEA – Staffing Levels and Current Work Priorities

I understand that the ASEA budget statements for 2015-2016 increased the agency's average staffing levels from 9 to 12.

- o Can you explain to the Committee the reason for the increase of 3 ASL?
- o How many ongoing / non ongoing staff are there at ASEA?
- o What are your staff working on at the moment?
- o What type of work do non-ongoing staff do?

Answer

- An ASL of 12 is required in order to allow the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency (ASEA) to perform its functions under the *Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Act 2013*, and in particular, the coordination of the *National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Management and Awareness 2014–18*.
- Between the period 14 September 2015 and 31 January 2016, there were nine ongoing staff and three non-ongoing staff employed by ASEA.
- ASEA's work for 2015–16 is outlined in the ASEA Budget Statements 2015–16 at: www.asbestossafety.gov.au/sites/asbestos/files/2015-16_employment_pbs_asea.pdf.
- Non-ongoing staff assist project managers in the management of projects outlined in the ASEA Budget Statements.