

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Agency - Comcare**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0061\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Comcare - Non-ongoing contracts**

"1. How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts?  
2. How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts?  
3. How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election? 4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval? 5. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission? a. For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates."

**Answer**

1. *How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts?*

Refer to Question on Notice EM0620\_15.

2. *How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts?*

Refer to Question on Notice EM0620\_15.

3. *How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election?*

Fifty-two non-ongoing contracts have been extended by Comcare since 7 September 2014.

4. *How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval?*

Nil. Approval from the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) is not required for extensions for non-ongoing contracts. This power is held by the agency head and numbers are reported to the APSC on a monthly basis under the APS Interim Recruitment Arrangements. However, agencies must seek approval to advertise non-ongoing engagements of longer than 12 months in duration, prior to advertising in the Gazette (APSjobs.gov.au).

Comcare has not sought approval to advertise any non-ongoing roles of longer than 12 months.

5. *How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission? a. For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.*

Not applicable.