

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

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

**Agency - Asbestos Safety & Eradication Agency**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0084\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**ASEA - Non-ongoing contract expirations**

1. How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election? 2. For every expired non-ongoing contract 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 reason why an extension was not sought, as well as all relevant dates.

**Answer**

1. 13.
2. The 13 non-ongoing contractors were for Independent Monitors. The employees' classifications were APS Level 6 (twelve) and Executive Level 1 (one). Due to the small number, the Agency is unable to provide further detail about the employees' age and gender.

The role of the Independent Monitors was to visit Telstra telecommunication pits involved in the NBN rollout and monitor and supervise the safe handling and removal of asbestos-containing materials in order to prevent exposure of employees, contractors and the public to airborne asbestos fibres. This was a six month project, and no extension was sought because the project was complete.