

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Agency - Comcare

Department of Employment Question No. EM0093_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Comcare - New non-ongoing contracts

"1. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election? 2. How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election? 3. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission? a. For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application."

Answer

1. *How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?*

Twenty new employees have been engaged by Comcare on non-ongoing contracts since 7 September 2013.

2. *How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election?*

No non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Australian Public Service Commission for approval since 7 September 2013. The engagement of non-ongoing employees of less than 12 months is approved by the Chief Executive Officer and a list of non-ongoing engagements is provided to the APSC on a monthly basis for reporting purposes.

3. *How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission? a. For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.*

Not applicable.