

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Agency - Fair Work Building & Construction

Department of Employment Question No. EM0110_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

FWBC - New ongoing contracts

"1. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election? 2. How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election? 3. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission? a. For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their 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. 4. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission? a. For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application. 5. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission? For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates. "

Answer

1. Nil.
2. 39 on 22 April 2014.
3. 39 on 22 May 2014. Positions are currently being advertised or will be advertised in the future. Positions will include investigators, team leaders, lawyers and corporate staff. Wages will be in accordance with the agency's enterprise agreement. Positions will be advertised across various locations and classifications. The positions will be ongoing suggesting that contracts will not have an end date. Investigator and Team Leader positions will be advertised externally. Legal and corporate positions will be restricted to internal advertising in the first instance.
4. Nil.
5. Nil.