

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Question

New non-ongoing contracts

How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election? How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election? How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission? For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: a) the employee's age, b) gender, c) wage, d) APS level, e) a description of their job, f) the reasons why the new engagement was submitted; and g) the reasons why the new engagement was approved by the Public Service Commission.

Answer

The Department of Employment was created on 18 September 2013. The staff profile of the department was not clear until a number of functions and employees that performed those functions moved to other departments, and the separation of the Departments of Employment and Education was progressed. As such it is not possible to provide accurate details of non-ongoing employment contracts until 31 October 2013.

Between 31 October 2013 and 31 May 2014 the department has engaged five new non-ongoing employees. The table below details their classifications.

Classification	Number
APS2	4
APS1	1
Total	5

The Interim Arrangements for Recruitment in the Australian Public Service allow the Secretary to approve non-ongoing extensions without the approval of the Australian Public Service Commissioner.

To attempt to provide the level of detail requested in the balance of the question would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources, and would tend to identify individuals.