

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Department of Employment Question No. EM0617_15

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

New on-going contracts

How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election? How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election?

Answer

38 new ongoing employees were engaged by the department between 18 September 2013 and 31 May 2014.

This includes 23 Graduates and seven Indigenous Australian Government Development Program participants which are excluded from the Interim Arrangements for Recruitment in the Australian Public Service (the Interim Arrangements).

As offers of employment were made to the remaining eight employees prior to the Interim Arrangements coming into effect, Australian Public Service Commission approval was not required.