

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2014-2015

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Department of Employment Question No. EM0714_15

Senator Lundy provided in writing.

Question

New on-going contracts

1. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts? 2. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval? 3. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission? 4. For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details: a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their wage. e. Where their position is located. f. Their position's APS level classification. g. The length of their ongoing contract. h. Whether their position was advertised externally. i. The reason for engaging this new employee. j. The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement. k. Please provide all relevant dates.

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 (IAGDP) 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.

Details of the classifications of the 38 employees are provided in the table below.

Classification	Number
EL1	7
APS4	1
Graduate	23
IAGDP	7
Total	38

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.