

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

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

**Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0500\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Dept & its agencies: Contracts for Temporary Staff**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff? 2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed? 3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed? 4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff? 5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?

**Answer**

**The Department of Education**

1. Information on the cost of contract staff is not captured centrally. Line areas manage these arrangements and the data cannot be readily accessed through existing systems.
2. Information on staff recruited through recruitment agencies is not captured centrally. Line areas manage these arrangements.
3. Information on the number of contract staff is not kept centrally. Line areas manage these arrangements.
4. This information is not available.
5. There have been no changes to policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff.

***Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) has provided the following response.***

1. \$128,635
2. 1
3. 4
4. Nil
5. No

***Australian Research Council (ARC) has provided the following response.***

1. 509,894
2. 19
3. 40
4. Nil

5. No

***Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has provided the following response.***

1. ACARA spent \$737,153 on temporary or contract staff since 1/7/2014.
2. ACARA has employed 31 temporary or contract staff since 1/7/2014.
3. ACARA has 21 temporary/contract staff currently employed.
4. ACARA paid agencies/companies \$0 (nil) to find temporary/contract staff since 1/7/2014.
5. There has not been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of temporary/contract staff since 1/7/2014.

***Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) has provided the following response.***

1. In relation to staff employed through temporary recruitment agencies AITSL has spent \$56,654.08 since Budget Estimates in June 2014.
2. Two
3. Nil
4. A placement fee of \$5,713.22 was paid to an external recruitment agency in relation to one staff member.
5. No changes have been made to the policies/criteria that govern the employment of staff through temporary recruitment agencies since the Budget Estimates in June 2014.

***Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) has provided the following response.***

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. \$105,785.37
2. 4
3. 10
4. \$6,349.09
5. No.