

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No.

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

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

As at 30 September 2015 the department had 15 non-ongoing employees. For further detail refer to the answers for EM1104_15 and EM1456_15. The department has not changed its policies in relation to non-ongoing employees. Decisions and budgets in relation to the engagement of non-ongoing employees are devolved to line areas in the department and manually collating payments to recruitment agencies would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.