

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2014-15

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance

Outcome/Program: 1/1.1

Topic: Staffing level of the general government sector

Senator: Ludwig

Question reference number: F4

Type of question: Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 35, 24 February 2015

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: Friday, 10 April 2015

Number of pages: 1

Question:

Senator LUDWIG: Have you given me the figure for what it is now?

Mr Helgeby: I do not have a current figure. The APSC would be producing figures on the current numbers.

Senator LUDWIG: I am happy for you to take that on notice and, when it becomes available, make it available to the committee.

Mr Helgeby: Yes.

Answer:

Average staffing levels of the general-government sector are published annually in the Budget. Updated average staffing levels for 2014-15, as well as forecasts for 2015-16, will be published in the 2015-16 Budget.

The Australian Public Service Commission also publishes headcount staffing information on staff employed under the *Public Service Act 1999*, biannually. The latest data, released on 10 March 2015, has the total number of staff employed under the *Public Service Act 1999* at 152,606 as at 31 December 2014.