

**Question:** 25

**Topic:** Contracts for Temporary Staff

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**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

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 has spent approximately \$136,209 on eight contract staff since 14 September 2015. All were engaged prior to 14 September 2015 and since that date two have ceased (on 23 November 2015 and 31 December 2015, respectively).

No recruitment agencies or companies were used to find contract staff.

There has not been any change to the requirements associated with the engagement of contractors since 14 September 2015.