

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

**Program: Portfolio**

**Question No. AE16/084**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 9 February 2016:**

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

1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited? What classification are these staff?
2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classification are these staff?
3. How many staff have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

1. Please see Table 1.
2. Please see Table 2.
3. The response to this question is provided in AE16/094.

**Table 1—Ongoing staff recruited between 14 September 2015 and 9 February 2016  
(inclusive)**

| <b>Department / Agency</b>                          | APS1                                                                                                                                                                   | APS2 | APS3 | APS4 | APS5 | APS6 | EL1 | EL2 | SES |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Attorney-General's Department*                      | 0                                                                                                                                                                      | 3    | 1    | 13   | 7    | 9    | 10  | 2   | 1   |
| Administrative Appeals Tribunal                     | 0                                                                                                                                                                      | 0    | 0    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2   | 4   | 0   |
| Australian Crime Commission                         | 0                                                                                                                                                                      | 0    | 1    | 5    | 4    | 2    | 7   | 2   | 0   |
| Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity | 0                                                                                                                                                                      | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 5    | 5   | 0   | 0   |
| Australian Federal Police                           | 2                                                                                                                                                                      | 26   | 10   | 4    | 0    | 3    | 1   | 1   | 2   |
| Australian Financial Security Authority             | 0                                                                                                                                                                      | 0    | 4    | 3    | 4    | 10   | 6   | 0   | 1   |
| Australian Human Rights Commission                  | 0                                                                                                                                                                      | 0    | 2    |      | 0    | 3    | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Australian Institute of Criminology                 | 0                                                                                                                                                                      | 0    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 3    | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Australian Law Reform Commission                    | Nil                                                                                                                                                                    |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |
| Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation   | ASIO has recruited 76 ongoing staff in the period 1 September 2015 to 29 February 2016. For national security reasons it is not appropriate to provide further detail. |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |
| AUSTRAC                                             | 0                                                                                                                                                                      | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 15   | 8   | 6   | 3   |
| Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions        | 0                                                                                                                                                                      | 0    | 0    | 14   | 0    | 3    | 3   | 0   | 0   |
| CrimTrac                                            | 0                                                                                                                                                                      | 0    | 1    | 5    | 4    | 4    | 2   | 1   | 0   |
| Federal Court of Australia                          | 0                                                                                                                                                                      | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 1   | 1   | 0   |
| Family Court and Federal Circuit Court              | 0                                                                                                                                                                      | 0    | 3    | 2    | 2    | 0    | 2   | 0   | 0   |
| High Court of Australia                             | Nil                                                                                                                                                                    |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |
| National Archives of Australia                      | 1                                                                                                                                                                      | 0    | 0    | 1    | 3    | 5    | 3   | 1   | 0   |
| Office of the Australian                            | 0                                                                                                                                                                      | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 9    | 0   | 0   | 0   |

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| Information Commissioner        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Office of Parliamentary Counsel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |

\* All workforce data the Attorney-General's Department excludes data for the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS). AGS human resource information data is not yet centrally managed by the department and is being transitioned following consolidation with the department. To provide the further detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources at this time.

**Table 2—Existing non-ongoing positions as at 9 February 2016  
(and number of those created between 14 September and 9 February 2016)**

| Department / Agency                                 | APS1                                                                                                                                     | APS2   | APS3    | APS4    | APS5  | APS6  | EL1   | EL2   | SES  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Attorney-General's Department*                      | 0                                                                                                                                        | 17     | 9       | 20      | 15    | 12    | 22    | 3     | 0    |
| Administrative Appeals Tribunal                     | 0                                                                                                                                        | 18 (8) | 37 (22) | 31 (15) | 1 (1) | 4 (1) | 1     | 2     | 0    |
| Australian Crime Commission                         | 2 (1)                                                                                                                                    | 0      | 7 (7)   | 7 (6)   | 4 (4) | 7 (4) | 8 (3) | 3 (3) | 0    |
| Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity | 0                                                                                                                                        | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 0    |
| Australian Federal Police                           | 0                                                                                                                                        | 8      | 13      | 5       | 7     | 2 (2) | 4     | 2     | 6    |
| Australian Financial Security Authority             | 0                                                                                                                                        | 0      | 4       | 3       | 4     | 10    | 6     | 0     | 1    |
| Australian Human Rights Commission                  | 0                                                                                                                                        | 0      | 13      |         | 0     | 3     | 5     | 4     | 0    |
| Australian Institute of Criminology                 | Nil                                                                                                                                      |        |         |         |       |       |       |       |      |
| Australian Law Reform Commission                    | Nil                                                                                                                                      |        |         |         |       |       |       |       |      |
| Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation   | ASIO has 34 non-ongoing positions as at 29 February 2016. For national security reasons it is not appropriate to provide further detail. |        |         |         |       |       |       |       |      |
| AUSTRAC                                             | 0                                                                                                                                        | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0     | 2     | 6     | 2     | 0    |
| Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions        | 1 (1)                                                                                                                                    | 4 (3)  | 20 (9)  | 8 (0)   | 2 (0) | 2 (2) | 6 (2) | 0 (0) | 1(0) |
| CrimTrac                                            | 0                                                                                                                                        | 0      | 0       | 3 (2)   | 0     | 0     | 1 (0) | 2 (0) | 0    |

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|---------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| Federal Court of Australia**                      | 0 (0)  | 54 (7) | 5 (1) | 20 (4) | 81 (29) | 18 (3) | 4 (1) | 11 (0) | 1 (1) |
| Family Court and Federal Circuit Court            | 0(0)   | 23(0)  | 56(0) | 72(0)  | 25(0)   | 2(0)   | 13(0) | 11(0)  | 1(0)  |
| High Court of Australia***                        | 0      | 18     | 11    | 1      | 14      | 9      | 3     | 3      | 3     |
| National Archives of Australia                    | 14 (7) | 22 (7) | 8 (2) | 10 (6) | 3 (1)   | 6 (1)  | 3     | 0      | 0     |
| Office of the Australian Information Commissioner | 0      | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0       | 3 (1)  | 1(1)  | 1      | 0     |
| Office of Parliamentary Counsel                   | 0      | 0      | 0     | 0      | 2 (0)   | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     |

Bracketed figures represent positions created between 14/09/15 – 09/02/16.

\* These figures include staff recruited to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (43) and the Trade Union Royal Commission (3).

\*\* Majority of the non-ongoing APS5 officers are Associates for Judges. The number reflects overlap during annual transition/handover.

\*\*\* These numbers include casual staff.