

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

Program: 1.1 AGD Operating Expenses - Civil Justice and Legal Services

Question No. AE17/038

Senator Macdonald asked the following question at the hearing on 28 February 2017:

CHAIR: Mr Moraitis, could you indicate to me if there have been any changes in the number of employees in the department since the estimates committee last met?

Mr Moraitis: The numbers go up and down. I would have to take that on notice. There could have been a small decline or a small increase in numbers, depending on various activities. I would have to take that on notice. Are you asking about from the last estimates in December?

CHAIR: In October.

Mr Moraitis: There were estimates in December. I will take it on notice and give you some figures.

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

See table below, noting the following:

- Staffing numbers are provided as at 31 October 2016, 31 December 2016, and 28 February 2017.
- Staffing numbers have been categorised by employment type (ongoing, ongoing temporary transfer, non-ongoing specified term and task, and casual).
- Staffing numbers for the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory (which are administered by the Attorney-General's Department) are provided separately.
- The total staffing numbers in the Attorney-General's Department increased by 79 between 31 October 2016 and 28 February 2017. The total staffing numbers of the Royal Commissions increased by 18 in the same period.

Employment type	DHC as at 31.10.16 excl. RC	RC HC as at 31.10.16	DHC as at 31.12.16 excl. RC	RC HC as at 31.12.16	DHC as at 28.2.17 excl. RC	RC HC as at 28.2.17
Ongoing	1601	21	1627	21	1675	22
Ongoing Temporary Transfer	6	20	4	20	5	17
Non-Ongoing - Specified Term	113	172	125	187	110	191
Non-Ongoing - Specified Task	6	30	4	30	5	29
Casual	48	1	51	2	58	3
Total	1774	244	1811	260	1853	262

DHC = Departmental headcount

RC = Royal Commissions headcount