

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

**Group: Written**

**Program: Whole-of-Portfolio**

**Question: BE14/150**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:**

1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7th 2013?
2. How many temporary or contract staff were employed since September 7th 2013?
3. How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed?
4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
5. How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff?
6. What policies/criteria govern the appointment of Contract staff?
7. How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?

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

1. Please see table below.
- 2-6: To attempt to provide the additional detail requested across the portfolio would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
7. Contract staff are employed on an as need basis consistent with operational requirements.

<b>Department / Agency</b>	<b>How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7<sup>th</sup> 2013?</b>
Attorney-General's Department	The Department is unable to provide information on the number of contractors, as contractors are not paid through our human resource system and it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to gather the information from the financial system. (Contractors for this purpose are defined as 'staff employed on fixed term contracts' rather than 'non-ongoing APS staff').
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	\$14,383

<b>Department / Agency</b>	<b>How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7<sup>th</sup> 2013?</b>
Australian Crime Commission	\$3,552,637
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	\$287,313
Australian Federal Police	\$5,308,952
Australian Financial Security Authority	\$4,892,499
Australian Human Rights Commission	\$1,368,808
Australian Institute of Criminology	\$89,229
Australian Law Reform Commission	\$3,580 Note, this figure does not account for three legal officers who were employed in August 2013 to work on and for the duration of specific inquiries.
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	ASIO does not provide this information for reasons of national security
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	\$120,922
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	\$4,767,150
CrimTrac	\$507,485
Family Court of Australia/Federal Circuit Court	\$769,000
Federal Court of Australia	\$9,263,884
High Court of Australia	\$315, 212 on casual staff and \$247,326 on non-ongoing staff
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	\$187,771
Office of Parliamentary Counsel	\$61,834

<b>Department / Agency</b>	<b>How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7<sup>th</sup> 2013?</b>
National Archives of Australia	To provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
Australia Council for the Arts	\$228,718
Australian Film, Television and Radio School	\$2,327,025
Australian National Maritime Museum	\$1,631,031
Bundanon Trust	\$93,860
Creative Partnerships Australia	\$72,513
Museum of Australian Democracy/Old Parliament House	Nil
National Film and Sound Archive	\$198,282
National Gallery of Australia	\$121,031
National Library of Australia	It would require an unreasonable diversion of available resources to provide costs for temporary or contract staff employed by the National Library of Australia since 7 September 2013.
National Museum of Australia	\$190,437
National Portrait Gallery of Australia	\$12,721
Screen Australia	\$221,667