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Department of Communications

Question No: 31

Program No. Corporate

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Staffing

Senator Ludwig asked:

- a. How many ongoing staff recruited from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?
- b. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?
- c. From 7 September 2013 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer:

- a. One APS 6 ongoing employee was recruited in the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013.
- b. A total of 52 non-ongoing positions existed at 7 September 2013 reducing to 44 at 31 October 2013. This includes all categories of non-ongoing positions staffed in the Department. The classifications of the positions are:

Classification	At 7/9/2013	At 31/10/2013
APS 3	3	2
APS 4	16	13
APS 5	9	6
APS 6	10	8
EL 1	8	7
EL 2	6	6
SESB1	0	1
SESB3	0	1
Total*	52	44

- The number previously advised in similar questions in 2012 and 2013 reported only 'fixed task' non-ongoing positions staffed within the Department.

- c. From 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013, 5 employees been employed on non-ongoing contracts, with an average length of employment period of 0.62 months.