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Question: aet 158

Topic: Staffing (ABS)

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Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. How many permanent staff recruited since the supplementary budget estimates?
2. What level are these staff?
3. How many temporary positions and temporary employees exist or have been created since supplementary budget estimates?
4. Since supplementary budget estimates, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer:

1. There have been 160 ongoing staff commence over the period 21 October 2009 to 5 March 2010.
2. The table below shows the different levels of ongoing staff recruited for the period 21 October 2009 to 5 March 2010.

Cadet	5
APS3	70
APS4	36
APS5	27
APS6	17
EL1	2
EL2	1
SES B1	2

3. As at 21 October 2009 there were 349 non-ongoing staff contracts. Since then and up to and including 5 March 2010 there has been 636 non-ongoing staff contracts generated. The ABS had experienced a higher than normal turnover of staff during this period and has consequently engaged additional non-ongoing staff as a short term measure to ensure the work program is completed. Note that each contract represents a separate period of employment and does not

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necessarily represent a separate person, such that the same person could be employed on a number of contracts during this period of time.

4. Since 21 October 2009 and up to and including 5 March 2010 there have been 636 non-ongoing staff contracts generated. The approximate average length of contract is 110 calendar days.