

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: AET 825 - 831

Topic: Staffing (Tsy)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

825. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date?
- a. What classification are these staff?
826. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date?
- a. What classification are these staff?
827. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?
828. How many ongoing staff left in the year 2010-11?
- a. What classification were these staff?
829. How many non-ongoing staff left in the year 2010-11?
- a. What classification were these staff?
830. Are there any plans for staff reduction?
- a. If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.
831. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.

Answer:

825. 53 ongoing staff recruited (as at 31 January 2012):

a) Classification

APS3 6

APS4 3

APS5 6

APS6 12

EL1 15

EL2 9

SES1 1

SES2 0

SES3 1

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826. 32 non-ongoing (as at 31 January 2012):

a) Classification

CADET	1
APS1	20
APS2	1
APS3	3
APS4	2
APS5	0
APS6	2
EL1	0
EL2	0
SES1	1
SES2	1
SES3	1

827. Thirty (30) employees were employed on contract from 01/07/2011 till 31/01/2012. The average length of contract was 3 months and 26 days.

828. Total number of ongoing staff that left the department during the period 01/07/2010 and 30/06/2011 was 161.

a). Classification:

APS3	– 6
APS4	– 17
APS5	– 24
APS6	– 36
EL 1	– 40
EL 2	– 26
SES 1	– 6
SES 2	– 2
SES 3	– 3
SECRETARY	– 1

829. The total number of non-ongoing staff that left during the period 01/07/2010 and 30/06/2011 was 35.

a). Classification:

APS 1	– 18
APS 3	– 4
APS 6	– 5
EL 1	– 1
EL 2	– 3
SES 1	– 4

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830. Yes.
- a). A gradual reduction in staff to approximately 800 fulltime equivalent staff by mid-2014. This will be achieved through a limited number of voluntary redundancies in the current financial year only, and subsequent reductions through natural attrition and reduced recruitment over the following financial years. The department is also examining supplier expenses to find savings.
831. Staff reductions are one response to meeting budget targets.