

## Senate Standing Committee on Economics

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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**Question No:** AET 770 - 774

**Topic:** Contractors (ATO)

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#### Senator Humphries asked:

- 770. How many contractors are currently employed in the department/agency?
- 771. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 2 years?
- 772. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 5 years?
- 773. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 10 years?
- 774. Does the department/agency make a habit of employing contractors to fill positions on a permanent basis?

#### Answer:

- 770. There are 255 people engaged as employees under fixed term contracts in the ATO (including the Tax Practitioners Board, Australian Valuation Office and Australian Business Register).
- 771. There are 3 people engaged as employees under contract who have been employed at the ATO (including the Tax Practitioners Board, Australian Valuation Office and Australian Business Register) for more than 2 years.
- 772. The ATO (including the Tax Practitioners Board, Australian Valuation Office and Australian Business Register) has one employee engaged under a contract for more than five years.
- 773. There are no employees engaged under a contract for more than 10 years.
- 774. The ATO (including the Tax Practitioners Board, Australian Valuation Office and Australian Business Register) does not employ contractors to fill positions on a permanent basis.

To deliver on some corporate outcomes, the ATO utilises a variety of non-ongoing employees to address peak processing periods and/or provide specialist capability. These non-ongoing employees are selected via merit based recruitment exercises or identified via existing contract arrangements with third party providers who are able to temporarily source, assess and select suitable non-ongoing candidates. This employment category is used to satisfy temporary demand.