

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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Additional Estimates

26 February 2014

**Question:** AET 3095-3096

**Topic:** Recruitment Proposals (ATO)

**Written:** 7 March 2014

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

3095) Can the agency advise how many positions it has sought to have treated as requiring recruitment from the open market under current arrangements for centralised government vetting of recruitment proposals?

3096) How many exemptions has the agency been given to permit recruitment, bulk recruitment and boutique?

**Answer:**

3095) The ATO sought and received APSC approval to advertise the following positions as open to all eligible members of the community:

- SES Band 2 Chief Tax Counsel.
- SES Band 2 Deputy Chief Counsel.
- Graduate Recruitment 2015 intake.

Additionally, the ATO sought and received approval from the APSC to recruit new non-ongoing engagements, if required, during tax time.

3096) The ATO received APSC approval to fill positions for the following three categories of position that had been exempted from the APS Interim Recruitment Guidelines:

- 2014 Graduate Recruitment program (247 positions).
- 2014 Indigenous Development and Advancement programs (120 positions).
- 2014 Indigenous and IT Cadet and Apprenticeship programs (14 positions).