Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13 28 and 29 May 2012

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATON

TOPIC: Staffing

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QUESTION No.: BI-73

Senator COLBECK: Rather than give it to me now, could you take it on notice. Given that the Gershon review was conducted in 2008, could you give me an annual set of numbers from then until now so that we can assess the changes in that part of the department?

Mr Pennifold: We can certainly provide that. Just to clarify, you are after staffing numbers? **Senator COLBECK:** Yes. Do you keep any records in respect of your contracting arrangements?

Mr Pennifold: For contractors? Senator COLBECK: Yes. Mr Pennifold: Yes, we do.

Senator COLBECK: Okay. Perhaps you could give me that on notice as well.

Mr Pennifold: You are after the number of contractors?

Senator COLBECK: Yes...

ANSWER

Below are the numbers of ongoing staff employed in eBusiness Division, by financial year, since 2008.

| 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 |
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| 172 | 173 | 195 | 219 | 227 |

Below are the numbers of ICT contractors employed across the department, including eBusiness Division, by financial year, since 2008. These numbers are exclusive of contractors working on Whole-of-Government initiatives such as VANguard and Business Online Services.

| 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | YTD 2011-12 (As at 30 June 12) |
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| 43 | 30 | 23 | 27 | 22 |