

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Comcare

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Senator Tillem asked on 27 February 2014, Hansard page 42

Question

Comcare - Staff employed on contracts or temporary basis

Senator TILLEM: So, we are three short. How many of these staff are employed on fixed-term contracts or employed on a temporary basis?

Mr O'Connor: I would have to give you that on notice. What I can say is that late last year we gave notice to almost 10 per cent of our workforce who were on a non-ongoing contract basis, consistent with the advice from the Public Service Commission not to extend non-ongoing contracts unless there is a business critical need. So far, I believe we have got 23 non-ongoing contracts that have not been extended. Some non-ongoing contracts have been extended because they satisfy the criteria of critical business need: front-line service delivery, inspectorates claims managers, et cetera.

Answer

Of Comcare's 667 paid full time equivalent employees (as at 26 February 2014), 48 employees (46.8 FTE) are on fixed-term non-ongoing APS contracts.