

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

**Agency - Comcare**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0156\_14**

**Senator Tillem asked on 27 February 2014, Hansard page 43**

**Question**

**Comcare - Recruitment**

Senator TILLEM: have you recruited?

Mr O'Connor: A very small number in comparison. Several.

Senator TILLEM: Could you provide that on notice, please.

Mr O'Connor: Yes.

Senator TILLEM: I would also like specific numbers in terms of how many contracts will not be renewed or extended.

**Answer**

Comcare has engaged 38 people since the election on 7 September 2013, of which 32 were recruited prior to the APS interim recruitment arrangements coming into effect on 31 October 2013.

Since 31 October 2013, Comcare has recruited six employees. Four were graduates, one employee was from the APS Redeployment Register and one was engaged on a transfer at level from another agency.

Of the 38 people engaged since the election, 11 of those ceased their employment with Comcare when their non-ongoing contract ended.

All current non-ongoing contracts will cease at the end of their current term or contract. No contracts will be renewed or extended unless the CEO approves the requirement for a renewal or extension in order to meet a critical business demand.