Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2013-2014

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM0223_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Communication staff

For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:

a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.

b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location

c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location

d) How many are graphic designers?

e) How many are media managers?

f) How many organise events?

Answer

In the Department of Employment there are 21.5 Full-time Equivalent (FTE) officers focused on communicating government policy and programmes to the public, including media monitoring, media management, speeches, the development and implementation of communication strategies and events. All officers are based in the department in Canberra and are employed as ongoing employees.

Staffing profile

| Classification | FTE |
|----------------|-----|
| SES Band 1 | 1.0 |
| EL2 | 3.0 |
| EL1 | 10 |
| APS 4-6 | 7.5 |

A further 5.3 (FTE) graphic designers work in the Shared Services Centre, a joint initiative with the Department of Education.