

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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- a) **How many permanent staff recruited since the supplementary budget estimates?**
- b) **What level are these staff?**
- c) **How many temporary positions exist or have been created since budget estimates?**
- d) **Since supplementary budget estimates, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?**

Answer:

a) There was 35 permanent staff recruited to vacant positions since Supplementary Estimates (19 October 2009 to 18 March 2010). In addition, the Department engaged a further 30 graduates during that period.

b) The levels of staff recruited were:

Level	Number
SES Band 2	1
SES Band 1	1
Executive Level 2	7
Executive Level 1	15
APS Level 6	4
APS Level 5	5
APS Level 4	2
Graduates	30

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- c) A total of 66 non-ongoing employees have been engaged to fill temporary positions created to work on term projects within the Department since Budget Estimates in May 2009.
- d) There have been 41 people employed on contract since Supplementary Budget Estimates (19 October 2009 to 18 March 2010), with a total average contracted employment period of 159 calendar days. The average length of employment for these employees during the reporting period is 73 calendar days.