

Question 5 Department of the Senate – Senator Ryan

- (a) **How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?**

The department has recruited nine ongoing employees so far this financial year [27 February 2012]. The classifications of these employees are set out in the table below:

| Classification | Number of employees |
|--|----------------------------|
| Australian Parliamentary Service Level 2 | 1 |
| Australian Parliamentary Service Level 3 | 3 |
| Australian Parliamentary Service Level 4 | 2 |
| Australian Parliamentary Service Level 6 | 2 |
| Parliamentary Executive Level 1 | 1 |

- (b) **How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?**

The department has four temporary positions on the approved establishment. These positions were created in a previous financial year. These classifications of these positions are set out in the table below:

| Classification | Number of positions |
|--|----------------------------|
| Australian Parliamentary Service Level 3 | 1 |
| Australian Parliamentary Service Level 4 | 1 |
| Australian Parliamentary Service Level 5 | 1 |
| Australian Parliamentary Service Level 6 | 1 |

When operational requirements demand, additional non-ongoing employees are recruited. On some occasions, these non-ongoing employees are held against permanent positions (for example, to back fill for employees on long-term leave) and on other occasions they are recruited over and above the approved establishment to meet the sessional demands of the Parliament and/or additional short-term workloads. These employees may be at any of the Australian Parliamentary Service or Parliamentary Executive Level classifications.

(c) This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

The department has recruited nineteen non-ongoing employees during this financial year.
The average length of their employment period is ten months.