

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Department/Agency:** Australian National Audit Office  
**Outcome/Program:**  
**Topic:** Contractors

**Senator:** Humphries  
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**Question:**

1. How many contractors are currently employed in the department/agency?
2. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 2 years?
3. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 5 years?
4. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 10 years?
5. Does the department/agency make a habit of employing contractors to fill positions on a permanent basis?

**Answer:**

1. As at 31 January 2012 the ANAO has engaged 45 contract staff. This number does not include the 6 non-ongoing staff which were employed at that date.
2. Nil
3. Nil
4. Nil
5. No. The ANAO engages contractors for specific tasks in situations where particular expertise is required that is not available in-house or is not available in the timeframes required. The most significant use of contractors within the ANAO is to assist the financial statement program by providing specialist industry knowledge or assisting with peak workloads at the close of the financial year.