

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2013**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Staffing**
 Question: **116**
 Written **Senator Ryan**

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- a) How many ongoing staff recruited this FYTD? What classification are these staff?
- b) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?
- c) This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer

- a) From 1 July to 31 December 2012, 13 ongoing staff were recruited to DPS. The classification levels are shown in the table below.

	PSL5	PSL56	PSL6	PEL1	PEL2	SES 1	SES 2	Total
Total	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	13

- b) At 31 December 2012, there were 120 non-ongoing staff in DPS. Of these, 96 non-ongoing staff were casual or sessional job roles. The remaining 24 non-ongoing staff were in full-time or part-time job roles.

Classification	Number of employees
Apprentice	1
Parliamentary Service Level 1	10
Parliamentary Service Level 1/2	31
Parliamentary Service Level 2	20
Parliamentary Service Level 2/3	2
Parliamentary Service Level 3	13
Parliamentary Service Level 4	18
Parliamentary Service Level 4/5	1
Parliamentary Service Level 5	4
Parliamentary Service Level 5/6	4
Parliamentary Service Level 6	9
Parliamentary Executive Level 1	3
Parliamentary Executive Level 2	2
SES Band 1	2
Total	120

- c) From 1 July to 31 December 2012, there was 17 non-ongoing staff employed on contract to DPS. Eight of these were casual staff.

Non-ongoing staff are employed on an employment contract under the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999*. The average length of employment for non-ongoing staff (excluding casual and sessional staff) was 8.73 months.