

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Bernardi asked: So there will be no staff savings?

Mr Killesteyn – Those people who are ongoing employees of the AEC network, for example, those who have been managing the centres – have all been offered continuing employment inside the AEC. It is only the contracts for the contracted teachers who were employed on a contract basis for a specific number of hours which will not continue after 30 June.

Senator Bernardi – Could you detail the value of those contracts?

Mr Killesteyn – The contracts for the teachers delivering –

Senator Bernardi – Yes

Mr Killesteyn – I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The Electoral Education Centres employed two casual APS4 employees in Melbourne and three in Adelaide. Individual contracts did not contain any minimum number of hours and work was given on an “as needs” basis.

Contractors are paid an hourly rate of up to \$29.32 plus 20% loading in lieu of leave, with appropriate superannuation payments.

Total amount paid to these casuals in 2007/08 was \$72,674. In 2008/09 it was \$65,233.