

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2010

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Staffing**
Question: **P 12**
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- a) How many permanent staff recruited since additional estimates (Feb 2010)?
- b) What level are these staff?
- c) How many temporary positions exist or have been created since additional estimates?
- d) Since additional estimates, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer

- 1 Nine ongoing staff have been recruited since the February Additional Estimates hearing.
- 2 The staff are at the following classifications:
 - (a) 4 x PSL1/2s
 - (b) 2 x PSL3s
 - (c) 1 x PSL4/5
 - (d) 2 x PEL1s.
- 3 As at 21 January 2010, there were 19 non-ongoing and 59 casual employees. Positions are not designated as permanent or temporary. Non-ongoing employees are engaged as required by operational arrangements. 25 non-ongoing staff have been employed since the February estimates.
- 4 The length of their contracts varies from 2 weeks to 12 months with an average of 5.64 months. Shorter periods of employment are due to non-ongoing staff leaving early due to personal reasons or having found ongoing employment elsewhere. Those employees engaged as casuals (irregular/intermittent) do not have an end date on their contracts.