

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 27 MAY 2010 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Staffing - all Department and agencies

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Question:

- 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:

- a) Permanent staff recruited since additional estimates¹:

Department of Human Services ²	Medicare Australia	Centrelink	Total
41	106	285	432

- b) The 432 permanent staff were engaged at the following levels:

Classification	Department of Human Services	Medicare Australia	Centrelink	Total
APS 1 (Cadet)	1	20	25	46
APS 2	2	14	-	16
APS 3	5	6	113	124
APS 4	6	14	59	79
APS 5	4	7	21	32
APS 6	10	19	33	62
EL1	5	17	27	49
EL2	6	9	4	19
SES Band 1	-	-	2	2
SES Band 2	2	-	-	2
SES Band 3	-	-	1	1
Total	41	106	285	432

- c) The Department of Human Services and its agencies do not have positions that are designated as temporary but positions are filled on a temporary basis by non-ongoing staff.
- d) Under the Public Service Act, the Department of Human Services and its agencies engage staff on a non-ongoing basis. Non-ongoing staff and the average length of employment since additional estimates are:

	Department of Human Services	Medicare Australia	Centrelink	Total
Non ongoing staff	148	146	957	1251
Average length of employment³	198 days	181 days	183 days	185 days

Notes:

- ¹ 1 February to 31 May for Centrelink data 10 February to 31 May for Department of Human Services and Medicare Australia data.
- ² Includes Child Support Program and Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service Australia. Excludes Hearing Australia as its staffing arrangements are not covered by the *Public Service Act 1999*. This ensures alignment with Department of Human Services staffing data previously reported.
- ³ Figure calculated by dividing total number of days engaged within each agency by the total number of non-ongoing engagements.