

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2010–11 (May 2010)**  
  
**PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO**

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**Topic:** Staffing

**Senator:** Senator Barnett  
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- a) How many permanent staff recruited since additional estimates (February 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) There was 11 permanent staff recruited to vacant positions since additional estimates.
- b) The levels of staff recruited were:

<b>Level</b>	<b>Number</b>
APS Level 6	1
APS Level 5	1
APS Level 4	9

- c) No employees have been engaged to fill temporary positions since additional estimates.
- d) There have been 2 people employed on contract since additional estimates, with an average length of employment for these employees of 5 months