

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer:

For the purposes of clarifying what is reported in this response, the Department defines 'contract' employees as those employees who are:

- engaged for clearly defined periods, usually short term;
- not engaged under the *Public Service Act 1999*; and
- remain 'employees' of a recruitment or labour hire provider.

In this FYTD, 83 contract staff have been employed by the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government. The average length of their employment is 44 days.