

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

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**Topic:** Staffing - new staff

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Question:**

1. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?
2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?
3. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

**Answer:**

1. There were three ongoing staff recruited this financial year to 30 April 2012 as follows:
  - 1 x SES Band 1
  - 1 x Executive Level 2
  - 1 x Executive Level 1
2. Effective 30 April 2012 there is one non-ongoing Executive Level 1 employee in the Office.
3. Nil.