

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**Additional Estimates Hearing – May 2012**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

**Program 1:** Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

**Outcome 1:** The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

**Topic:** Staffing – new staff

**Senator:** Ryan

**Question reference number:** PM79

**Type of Question:** Written

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How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?

How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?

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

**Answer:**

11 ongoing staff have been recruited this FY; 2 x GHO1, 1 x GHO2, 2 x GHO3, 2 x GHO4, 1x GHO5, 1x GHO6, 1 x GHO7, 1 x GHO 8

Nil; N/A

All staff were employed on contracts of up to 5 years, with 5 years being the norm.