

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Budget Estimates Hearing 27 May-6 June 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Communications Staff

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Type of Question:** Written

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**Question:**

1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:

a. By Department or agency:

i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.

ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location

iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location

iv. How many are graphic designers?

v. How many are media managers?

vi. How many organise events?

2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?

**Answer:**

1. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) does not have a central public affairs/communications area to support portfolio ministers on matters that are administered by PM&C.

PM&C does have some staff whose primary duties are communications as set out below.

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<b>Type of work undertaken</b>	<b>Staff type</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Location</b>
Communications and media	Ongoing (until November 2014)	EL2	G20 Taskforce, PM&C
Communications and media	Ongoing (until November 2014)	EL1	G20 Taskforce, PM&C
Communications and media	Ongoing	EL1	Social inclusion Unit, PM&C
Communications and media	Non-Ongoing	APS5	Social inclusion Unit, PM&C
Communications	Ongoing	EL2	COAG Reform Council
Communications	Ongoing	APS6	COAG Reform Council
Communications	Ongoing	APS4	COAG Reform Council

2. PM&C does not have an independent media studio.