

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-21 October 2010**

**Question: PM111**

**Asked By: Senator Abetz**

**Topic: Staffing Levels - Recruitment**

**Type of Question: Written**

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- a) How many permanent staff recruited since Budget Estimates 2010? What level are these staff? Where is their location?**
- b) Since Budget Estimates 2010, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?**
- c) Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the current efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts since Budget Estimates 2010? If so, where and at what level?**
- d) Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details i.e. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.**
- e) If your Department/agency has been identified in the 2010 election as delivering efficiencies (savings), how will these be delivered? (for example, savings commitments included reducing program funding, rationalising grants etc how will these impact the department and staffing).**

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#### Answer:

a) Since 30 April 2010, the following permanent staff have been engaged by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet:

SES Band 3	Canberra	1
SES Band 2	Canberra	1
SES Band 1	Canberra	6
EL2	Canberra	7
EL1	Canberra	15
	Sydney	1
APS6	Canberra	6
	Sydney	1
APS5	Canberra	3
	Sydney	3
APS4	Canberra	1
APS2	Canberra	1

b) Since 30 April 2010, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has employed 27 staff on contract. The average employment period for these contracts was 134 days.

c) No.

d) No.

e) Savings measures will be considered in the Budget context.

Note: The responses above relate to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) prior to the machinery of government changes of 14 September. As a result of these machinery of government changes, PM&C has acquired the functions of parts of the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, the Department of Health and Ageing and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. Recruitment activity associated with those functions is not included.