

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Question: PM111

Topic: Staffing Levels

Asked By: Senator Abetz

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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:

Australia Council

- a) Since Budget Estimates 2010, 3 permanent staff members have been recruited at the Australia Council Band 3 level. These staff are located in Sydney, New South Wales.
- b) Since Budget Estimates 2010, 16 employees have been employed on contract. The average length of contract is 1.94 years.
- c) No.
- d) No.
- e) No work has commenced on implementing savings for the annual efficiency dividend for 2011-12. This work will commence shortly.

National Film and Sound Archive

- a) Since Budget Estimates 2010, 8 permanent staff members have been recruited at the National Film and Sound Archive (1xEL2, 1xEL1, 2xAPS6, 1xAPS5, 1xAPS3, 2xAPS2). Four of these staff are located in the ACT and four are located in New South Wales.
- b) There have been 22 non-ongoing staff engaged during this period. The average contract is 12 months.
- c) No.
- d) No.
- e) Not applicable.

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National Gallery of Australia

- a) Since Budget Estimates 2010, 10 permanent staff members have been recruited at the National Gallery of Australia (1xAPS6, 3xAPS4, 2xAPS3, 4xAPS2). These staff are located in the ACT.
- b) 28 staff at an average contract period of six months.
- c) No.
- d) Staffing levels are expected to be slightly reduced through reduced use of casual and temporary staff and through natural attrition and consequential reorganisation of duties and responsibilities in affected positions.
- e) Not applicable.

National Library of Australia

- a) Since Budget Estimates 2010, 19 permanent staff members have been recruited at the National Library of Australia (2xEL2, 2xEL1, 1xAPS6, 7xAPS4, 3xAPS3, 4xAPS2). These staff are located in the ACT.
- b) 24 non-ongoing employees have been employed on contract since 25 May 2010. Of these 9 are casual employees who work on an ad-hoc basis. Excluding casual employees where the number of days to be worked cannot be determined in advance, the average length of employment is 94 calendar days.
- c) Staffing levels have been reduced by 6 to 494 since Budget estimates 2010. The reductions are mostly as a result of the cessation of one-off projects.
- d) Plans for 2011-12 have not yet been determined.
- e) Not applicable.

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- a) Since Budget Estimates 2010, 5 permanent staff members have been recruited at the National Museum of Australia (1xEL2, 1xAPS6, 1xAPS5, 2xAPS2). These staff are located in the ACT.
- b) Since 25 May 2010, 23 employees have commenced temporary (non-ongoing) contracts with the National Museum of Australia. The average length of contract is 5.7 months.
- c) No.
- d) No.
- e) Not applicable.

Screen Australia

- a) Since Budget Estimates 2010, 10 permanent staff members have been recruited at Screen Australia (4xAPS6, 5xAPS4, 1xAPS3). These staff are located in NSW.
- b) 8 people on fixed-term contracts. Average employment term is 15 months.
- c) No.
- d) Yes. See Question 110.
- e) Not applicable.