

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Housing and Community Development:

Staffing Figures

1. According to the answers to the Global Questions at the Estimates Hearing, an extra EO4C and EO2C were appointed to the agency. Why were these extra executives necessary?

The Executive Contract Officer (ECO2) count has increased by one since 31 March 2017 due to the creation of the Executive Director Local Government and Community Development position. The Executive Contract Officer (ECO4) increased by one due to the creation of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Remote Program Delivery Office and Community Services, which is responsible for delivering the 'Our Community, Our Future, Our Homes' program and Community Service related functions.

2. According to the answers to the Global Questions at the Estimates Hearing, for the period 30 June 2017 to 31 March 2018 two staff were engaged through employment agency arrangements at a total cost of \$90,000. What were the positions employed and why were they necessary?

The two labour hire staff were engaged with the Remote Program Delivery Office: one short term engagement while the Community Engagement Unit was being established and the other was for specialist master scheduler skills. Both were interim engagements while positions were being established and recruited to through usual Northern Territory Public Sector processes; Job Evaluation System (JES) and Northern Territory Government Employment Opportunities online website.

3. Talkforce was paid \$4900 for executive media training. How many executives undertook that training?

There were eight executives who attended the Executive Media Training with Talkforce.

4. According to the answers to the Estimates Hearing Global questions and the answers to the same questions from last year, as at 31 March 2017, the department has 106.64 workers on contract (not including permanent part time contracts). As at 31 March this year, there were 130.737 on contract (not including permanent part time contracts). What type of workers led to this increase and why are there so many on contract? Are any of them fly-in-fly-out workers? How many work in the ICT area?

The increase is due to the establishment of the new Remote Program Delivery Office division and positions being filled on a temporary basis while the formal evaluation of each position were being established. In addition, the \$69 million Stimulus Program rolled out in the last quarter of the 2017-18 financial year, which required additional temporary positions.

The Department of Housing and Community Development had no fly-in-fly out workers.

As at 31 March 2018, the Department of Housing and Community Development had no temporary contracted employees in the ICT area.