

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/135) - FOI - Staffing - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Please provide a breakdown of staffing levels in the FOI unit, and the cost of that unit. Please outline how the decision making process to release documents regarding the Nauru RPC was made and who was consulted.

Answer:

- a) As at 28 February 2017, the staffing full time equivalent (FTE) for the Department's FOI Section was:

Level	Number (FTE)
APS 1	2.00
APS 2	-
APS 3	9.06
APS 4	40.52
APS 5	14.80
APS 6	8.66
Exec 1	5.08
Exec 2	1.00
Total	81.12

- b) The allocated budget to operate the FOI unit for the 2016-17 financial year is \$6.7million.
- c) The decision making process to release documents regarding the Nauru Regional Processing Centre (RPC) was conducted in the same manner as detailed in AE17/133. The following parties were consulted in the process:
- various internal business units; and
 - the Government of Nauru.