

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

##### **(BE14/179) PROGRAMME – Internal Product**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many job losses are expected in the Department as a result of the Government's commitment to axe public service jobs?

- a. Is that based on actual staff numbers or is it based on a savings target?
- b. Can you confirm that the cut in staff levels is additional to the redundancies announced in the 2014/15 Budget?

*Answer:*

- a. From 2013-14 to 2014-15, the total Average Staffing Level (ASL) for the portfolio is forecast to reduce from 14,724 to 14,244, a total reduction of 480 ASL. This includes a reduction of 400 ASL in the Department of Immigration and Border Protection and 80 ASL in the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, and is based on actual staff numbers.
- b. This reduction is largely attributable to staff transferring out of the portfolio through Machinery of Government changes. There were no redundancies announced for the portfolio in the 2014/15 Budget.