

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 06 June 2017

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (BE17/035) - Regional Staffing numbers - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator Watt, Murray (L&CA 90-91) asked:

Senator WATT: Do you know how many departmental staff are based, say, north of Townsville? Do we have a figure for that? Maybe it is easiest to take it on notice.

Mr Quaedvlieg: I can take the precise figures on notice.

Mr Pezzullo: [inaudible] latitude cut across the continent?

Senator WATT: I am mostly interested in Queensland, but I will take WA and Northern Territory as well.

Mr Pezzullo: Sorry, Senator, we tend to view things through a national lens of responsibility.

Mr Quaedvlieg: I can give you indicative figures.

Senator WATT: Sure. If you can take that on notice, that would be great.

Ms Newton: I might also correct the record. I had it slightly wrong. The Nautic Star is South Australian, and it will not make you any happier that Yamba is a New South Wales operation.

Senator WATT: I was wondering about that, given they have got a bit of a fishing history there.

Ms Newton: None of them are from Queensland, sorry.

Mr Quaedvlieg: I will come back on notice with exact figures, but in the Torres Strait we have around 17 officers under different arrangements. There are a couple of fly-in fly-outs, but there are 17 officers. Dropping down from there to Cairns, there are somewhere in the order of 100 or so, but I will come back to you with exact figures.

*Answer:*

As at 31 May 2017 the Department had a total of 386 staff located north of Townsville, in QLD, WA and NT. Breakdown is detailed in table below:

Location	Headcount*
Darwin	173
Gove	2
<b>NT TOTAL:</b>	<b>175</b>
Thursday Island	21
Townsville	19
Weipa	3
Cairns	107
<b>Nth QLD TOTAL:</b>	<b>150</b>
Broome	7
Christmas Island	30
Cocos (Keeling)	2
Dampier	13
Port Hedland	9

<b>WA TOTAL:</b>	61
<b>TOTAL</b>	386

\*Note – Headcount excludes Irregular and Intermittent employees