

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/327) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator O’Neill asked:

Senator O’Neill: To return to the document that I provided now: I understand there were 1,800 cases that were investigated. My first question is: with the cases that were investigated, was that sample provided by this department?

Answer:

The sample of cases undertaken by the Fair Work Ombudsman in their auditing of 457 sponsoring employers under the Memorandum of Understanding is not determined by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department). The department regularly provides the Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) with a list of all current 457 employers and the visa holders working for those employers. The FWO use this information to determine which employers they audit. On request of the FWO, the department does provide more detail regarding specific employers.