

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Staff Recruitment

**REFERENCE:** Written Question—Senator Colbeck

**QUESTION No.:** SI - 64

Can the Department confirm that, earlier this year, it received a request from the Secretary of the Department of Immigration to help him recruit staff to cope with significant recent increases in workload? When was that request received, and how many staff from the Department have been seconded to the Department of Immigration since that time?

**ANSWER**

The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research received a request for assistance on 23 August 2010.

None of the Department's employees were seconded as a result of the request.