QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 12 February 2007

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(102) Output 1.3:   Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Ludwig asked:

For the years 2005-06, please indicate:

1. Not including those employed in policy functions, the number of Full-Time Equivalent positions assigned to the following areas:
(a) The assessment and clearance of persons arriving in Australia by air (not including the Torres Strait);
(b) The assessment and clearance of persons arriving in Australia by sea (not including the Torres Strait);
(c) The development of technology or programs designed to augment, replace or assist any of the above functions;

2. For each of the categories listed in (1), please indicate:
(a) The breakdown of APS classifications for those personnel;
(b) The total wages cost of all personnel under that category.

Answer:

(1) – (2) Australian Customs Service officers perform primary immigration clearance functions on behalf of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). The figures below relate to DIAC staff who perform secondary immigration clearance functions at proclaimed international airports in Australia.

For the 2005-06 financial year, 167.3 Full-Time Equivalent positions were assigned to the assessment and clearance of persons arriving in Australia **by air** (not including the Torres Strait).

Australian Customs Service officers perform primary immigration clearance functions on behalf of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). The figures below relate to DIAC staff who perform secondary immigration clearance functions at proclaimed international seaports in Australia.

For the 2005-06 financial year, 17.8 Full-Time Equivalent positions were assigned to the assessment and clearance of persons arriving in Australia **by sea** (not including the Torres Strait).

There is a wide range of systems that relate to border operations and many of them are linked to wider departmental operations. Accordingly, such estimations are not available and developing them in a meaningful way would require a considerable resource effort.