

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 12 February 2007

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(27) Output: Internal Product

Senator Ludwig asked

1. What is the current total staffing level, including ongoing and non-ongoing staff on both part-time and full-time working arrangements?
- 2.(a) What was the total staffing level at the end of the financial year 2005-2006?
(b) Provide the reasons for an increased staffing level since 2005-2006 to year to date if so.
3. Is the Department planning to reduce the current staffing level through normal turnover of staff? If so, is the Department currently exceeding required staffing levels? If not, why will the current staffing levels not be maintained?

Answer:

1. The Department's current average staffing level (as at 27 February 2007) is 6198.
- 2.(a) Answer provided at Appendix 5 of the 2005-6 Annual Report.
- 2.(b) & 3. These questions were answered at Senate Estimates 12 February 2007 by Andrew Metcalfe. Hansard Reference L&CA 6 and 7.