

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 February 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(38) Output: Internal Product

Senator Ellison asked:

- (1) How many staff, not including electorate officers are employed in the Ministers office?
- (2) How many department liaison officers or other department funded staff are working in the Ministers office?
- (3) What is the job and security classification of each of the staff in the Minister's office?
- (4) How many staff did the department initially provide the Ministers office following the swearing in of the new Ministry?

Answer:

- (1) There are currently 14 staff employed in the Minister's office.
- (2) Two Departmental Liaison Officers (DLOs).
- (3) The two DLOs are at the EL2 and EL1 level and have a 'Top Secret' and a 'Secret' security clearance respectively. Ministerial staff employed under *the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are the responsibility of the Department of Finance and Deregulation. The requirement is that all staff have a 'Top Secret' clearance.
- (4) In addition to two DLOs, the Department, following the swearing in of the new Ministry, provided 5 staff to the Minister's office for various periods. Currently, the two DLOs are the remaining departmental staff in the Minister's office.