

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(76) Program : Internal Product

Senator Barnett asked:

Since supplementary budget estimates, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer:

Since supplementary budget estimates in October 2009, the number of staff employed on contract is 512.

Employee Subgroup	External	TIS Interpreter	Grand Total
Consultant	25		25
Contractor	223		223
Ext Service Provider	140		140
Interpreter (ad hoc labour hire)		124	124
Total	388	124	512

It is not feasible to estimate the average length of contractors' employment, as this would involve researching the start and finish date of each individual. The table below, however, broadly indicates the length of contractors' employment periods. The majority of staff on contract have been hired for a period of 4-6 months or 10-12 months

Monthly period	Consultant	Contractor Full time	Ext Service Provider	Other	PAYG Interpreter	Grand Total
0-3 months	9	27	4	2		42
4-6 months	8	128	25			161
7-9 months	4	30	19			53
10-12 months	4	35	90			129
13-18 months		1	1			2
18-24 months						0
> 24 months			1			1
Labour hire					124	124
Grand Total	25	221	140	2	124	512