QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(22) Program: Internal Product

Senator Cash (L&CA 23) asked:

How does the current staff numbers involved in processing IMAs compare with previous years?

Answer.

The full time equivalent of IMA staff is as follows:

31 January 2011	709
30 June 2010	265
30 June 2009	71

These figures reflect the number of full time equivalent service delivery staff on deployment at an Immigration Detention Facility, those providing direct support services to IMA operations and staff on respite leave, travel or operational training. At the Additional Budget Estimates hearing of 21 February 2011, the total figure of 848 (as at 31 January 2011) was quoted. The 848 also included staff that provide dedicated corporate or overhead support to IMA operations. All staff numbers are reported from the Department's Human Resources system.