

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(25) Program : Internal Product

Senator Cash asked:

To date, how many expressions of interest have been received from staff of other agencies/departments as a result of the Secretary's "urgent request" for staff in August 2010? How many staff have been recruited to date? From which agencies and departments have these staff been recruited? In relation to each staff member, are they on short term secondment or permanent transfer? How many of each?

Answer:

857 expressions of interest were received from staff of other agencies/departments in response to the Secretary's letter in August 2010.

As at 31 January 2011, 68 temporary transfers had been established. These transfer contracts have varying end dates. Permanent transfers were not offered.

The breakdown of the 68 temporary transfers by department/agency and job role is as follows:

Agency/ Department	Detention Operations	Case Management	Protection Obligation Determination	Entry Interviews	Villawood	Total
Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations	7	1	3	9	0	20
Centrelink/ Department of Human Services	6	6	4	1	0	17
CRS Australia/ Department of Human Services	1	2	1	0	0	4
Department of Defence	2	0	3	7	0	12
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	2	0	2	3	0	7
Fair Work Ombudsman	1	0	0	0	0	1
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	0	0	1	0	0	1
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	0	0	1	0	0	1
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service	0	0	3	1	1	5
Total	19	9	18	21	1	68