

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(35) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash (L&CA 30) asked:

How many staff members in the department are involved in that program?

*Answer:*

Flood reconstruction-related applications that have been afforded priority processing are being processed in the New South Wales state office. Priority processing is being met within existing resources. To date, the processing of these applications has only required two staff members and not on a full-time basis. There is a broader pool of experienced staff available to process these applications if the volume increases.