

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0287) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

How many staff from DIAC have been involved in processing Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) at each of the various locations in the year to date? What is the cost of these personnel in total and by location?

Answer:

As at 31 January 2012, the average staffing level for Protection Obligations Evaluation (POE) for program year 2011-12 was 121 staff. These staff are located in POE offices across New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia.

The total employee and supplier expense for POE staff nationally from 1 July 2011 to 31 January 2012 was \$6,287,050.00.

The headcount of all POE staff involved at some point in primary processing for Irregular Maritime Arrivals was 248 for the same period.

The table below provides information on the breakdown of employee and supplier expense and employees at various POE office locations for program year 2011-12 to date

(1 July 2011 – 31 January 2012).

Location	NSW	VIC	WA	Total
Actual Employee & Supplier Expense \$'000s	2,800.22	2,299.51	1,187.32	6,287.05
Average Staffing Level	56	44	21	121
Total Headcount YTD	110	97	41	248