

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0022) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 29-30) asked:

Since Mr Bowles has been the Acting Secretary or Secretary, how many complaints have been received in relation to an engagement by departmental staff concerning comments they have made publicly? Were they in relation to more traditional media engagement, or were they in relation to a social media, such as Twitter?

Answer:

Since 30 March 2012, when Mr Bowles commenced as Acting Secretary of the Department, 12 complaints have been received concerning staff commenting publicly. Of these 12 complaints received, three related to more traditional media engagement and nine related to social media use (Twitter, Facebook and/or blogs).