

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0167) PROGRAM – Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

With reference to Recommendation 17 of the Lavarch Review – “The Department facilitate a specific review of the feasibility of combining the Registry and decision-making support services of the IPAO with the equivalent services within the Tribunals with a target start date of 1 July 2012.” In October 2012 we were informed this recommendation was complete - what was the outcome?

Answer:

All staff, returning members and resources have successfully been absorbed into the tribunals. Staff have been dispersed to a variety of roles throughout the tribunals with members handling both RRT and MRT caseloads