

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0490) PROGRAM – Internal Product**

Senator Humphries (Written) asked:

Portfolio wide - Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

*Answer:*

DIAC did maintain compliance with the former Protective Security Manual (PSM) by applying protective security and other measures to meet its operational and business needs. The Attorney-General's Department replaced the PSM with the new Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF) and as a result of this change DIAC undertook an independent review of its compliance against the new PSPF. The independent review identified a number of additional security requirements to be addressed. Remedial action undertaken to date has included the introduction of a new Departmental Security Framework that replaces the previous Departmental Security Instructions and a revision of the Agency Security Plan which is updated on an existing two year cycle. Both of these documents have been approved by the acting Secretary in the 2012-13 financial year. Further remedial activities are expected to be completed by 31 July 2013.

### MRT-RRT

The MRT-RRT has reviewed the Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF) Mandatory Requirements and has been assessed by the Agency Security Adviser (ASA) to meet 25 of the 33 listed requirements. The remaining 8 requirements will be addressed during 2013. Security plans and procedures are regularly reviewed by the ASA. Risk management for the MRT-RRT is also addressed through the Audit and Risk Management Committee which meets quarterly. The tribunals have complied with PSPF guidelines regarding the implementation of the new protective security marking classifications on emails and documents.