

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(AE14/019) PROGRAMME – Internal Product**

Senator Seselja (L&CA 24) asked:

Mr Bowles: I will quickly just tell the staff numbers then, Chair. If we look at 30 June to 31 January, we have had a reduction of over 360 staff at the moment. That is in a headcount sense.

CHAIR: Perhaps, if there were other information in relation to that question, you could—

Senator SESELJA: Perhaps a further breakdown on notice, Secretary, in terms of what has been achieved?

Mr Bowles: We can do that. Remember that there has been some movement, of course, with the machinery-of-government changes as well.

*Answer:*

From 1 July 2013 – 31 January 2014, there was a headcount reduction of 369 staff. Of these, 286 were due to Machinery of Government Changes in November 2013. The remaining 83 are the net result of the number staff engagements and separations.

The total reduction, including the machinery of government changes, has resulted in a decrease at all levels, with Senior Executive Service reducing by two, Executive Levels by 122 and APS 1 to 6 by 245.