

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

**(34) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry**

Senator Carr (L&C 44) asked:

By how much will the resources available to business employer monitoring be increased?

*Answer:*

As at 9 June 2006, 45 officers were dedicated to monitoring business sponsors. The resources involved in the business/employer/visa functions, like all activities in the Department, are being reviewed in the context of DIMA's internal budget for 2006-07, as well as in the context of the report to Council of Australian Governments (COAG) currently being developed by the Commonwealth/State Working Party on skilled migration.