

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2007**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(101) Output: Portfolio Tribunals (MRT-RRT)**

Senator Ludwig (L&CA 7) asked :

Are you able to identify if there has been a staff reduction and by what amount and even if you have a combination of the of cost savings that might have been achieved out of the establishment of a single prescribed agency?

*Answer:*

Since 2000/01, there has been a series of changes in administrative arrangements and caseload that have impacted on staff numbers. The following table sets out the number of staff employed as at 30 June for the years 2000/01 to 2005/06.

### Staff - Number of staff at 30 June

	<u>2000/01</u>	<u>2001/02</u>	<u>2002/03</u>	<u>2003/04</u>	<u>2004/05</u>	<u>2005/06</u>
MRT	145	149	177	-	-	-
RRT	175	181	189	-	-	-
MRT-RRT	-	-	-	297	289	264
Total	<u>320</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>366</u>	<u>297</u>	<u>289</u>	<u>264</u>

When the tribunals became a single agency for the purpose of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* on 1 July 2006, it was agreed with the Department of Finance and Administration that there would be an ongoing saving of \$100,000 per annum.