

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 28 May 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(4) Output: MRT/RRT

Senator Ellison (L&CA 8) asked:

Provide the location and classification level of the staffing cuts or reductions.

Answer:

The estimate of a reduction in ASL from 340 to 333 is the general order of what we consider will be necessary to achieve savings required as a result of budget measures.

As noted in the Portfolio Budget Statements, the Tribunals are working with the Department of Finance and Deregulation in relation to a review of the Tribunals' funding agreement.

This review is expected to include a revision of operational activity levels and resourcing for 2008-09. The Tribunals will be in a position to finalise the Tribunals' internal budget, following this review.