

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26 May 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(3) Program: Portfolio Tribunals (MRT-RRT)

Senator Humphries (L&C 19) asked:

Could I ask you to take on notice the question of the returning members or members applying for reappointment. Have those with the five highest set-aside rates been reappointed?

I am talking again about the previous round—the same round that I am asking about with the low set-aside rates.

Answer:

The Refugee Review Tribunal (the RRT) set aside rate for all decisions made during the period of 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2009 was 20%. Set aside rates may vary between Members depending on the range of cases a Member may deal with and may vary over time with changing circumstances in source countries.

Of the Members who applied for a further term of appointment in 2009, the 5 Members who had the highest set aside rates over the previous 3 years were reappointed. The 10 Members with the lowest set aside rates were also reappointed.