

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0060) Program: Internal Product

Senator Cash asked:

I note that the staffing levels estimated for 2011/12 in May last year have now increased by 528 positions in the estimate for that year provided in this year's budget, including an 18% increase or an additional 442 positions for outcome 4? Please provide a breakdown by salary bands for these additional positions and the roles being performed.

Answer:

Figures provided in the Portfolio Budget Statements are based on the department's projected workforce demand across all programs for the coming financial year. These figures are determined based on average staffing levels required across the full financial period, not on individual positions or roles.