## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012** 

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0081) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

Portfolio wide: Staffing - This financial year to date – how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer.

## Department of Immigration and Citizenship:

The number of people employed on contract to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship during the period 1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012 was 1077. The average employment period is 647 calendar days. This figure includes employees whose contract commenced in previous financial years.

## Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal:

22 contractors have been employed during the reporting period. The average length of contract was 4.6 months.