

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE12/0193) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Enterprise migration agreements: How many staff are allocated specifically to dealing with EMAs? In what roles are they employed i.e. processing, negotiations?

*Answer:*

There are two staff members currently dealing specifically with the policy and program management of EMAs. There are between 190 and 200 subclass 457 visa processing officers in the network capable of making decisions on these visa applications. Although these are not dedicated resources, the 457 program is a demand-driven program meaning that the staffing levels can be adjusted as required.