

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE12/0481) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees**

Senator Cash (L&CA 90-91) asked:

How many AMEP counsellors are currently employed? Provide information on additional costs related to these counsellors.

*Answer:*

As at 31 May 2012, there are 693 counsellors employed by Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) service providers.

In 2011-12, to 31 May 2012, the total expenditure for AMEP counselling services provided was \$7 340 702.13. This represents around three per cent of the overall AMEP budget for 2011-12.