

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0001) PROGRAM – MRT-RRT

Senator Cash (L&CA 9) asked:

Senator CASH: No. How many members who were undertaking the independent assessment work have returned to the tribunals and are working on the case loads there? You have had your 37, from 1 July

Ms Ransome: Sorry, I do not have a firm figure for you, Senator—but we will try and get that—because they came back at different times.

Senator CASH: How many approximately are we talking about? Is it one- is it 10- is it 20?

Mr Plowman: My memory is that it was about 12—

Senator CASH: So it is a significant number.

Mr Plowman: but we may have to correct that after the event.

Answer:

All members who were undertaking independent assessment work finished with that work by the end of 2012. From 1 July 2012 there were 10 existing members continuing to do independent assessment work, and 12 of the new members appointed on 1 July 2012 were independent reviewers who continued to do independent assessment work. For most members there was a transition during which they commenced doing some MRT-RRT work while finalising independent assessment cases.