

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0005) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Furner (L&CA 17) asked:

Senator FURNER: Can you just inform the committee what other government agencies or professions the new employees coming to MARA are from and what the average length of employment of a MARA official is?

Mr Wood: I will have to take that on notice because it does vary from state governments, private sector, as well as the Commonwealth. I am not involved in every single recruitment decision- that is done by committee. So I would have to look at the record.

Answer:

Approximately 33 per cent of current staff came from the private sector, 36 per cent from the Department, 18 per cent from other government agencies, and 13 per cent from the former MARA.

The average length of tenure in the Office of the MARA of current employees is 1.8 years.

The number of Office of the MARA staff broken down by tenure group as at 28 May 2013 is provided below:

	<1 Year	1 < 3 Years	3 < 5 Years	Total
Office of the MARA tenure	13	15	11	39