

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0096) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Furner (L&CA 28) asked:

Senator FURNER: Page 57 shows the deliverables of program 4.1. It is to conduct integrity verification visits. How many of those visits have been made in the migration program year to date?

Mr Callanan: Could we come back with that for you?

Senator FURNER: Sure. Also, how many of such visits are planned to be made in the 2013-14 financial year? If you do not have that ready, we will put that on notice as well. How many DIAC officers are there whose activities are dedicated to the conduct of integrity verification visits?

Mr Callanan: We would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

Compliance field teams conducted 3515 field visits in the period from 01 July 2012 to 30 April 2013. Of these, 2753 were General Field Visits including integrity verification and the location of non-citizens.

The number of compliance field and employer awareness visits in 2013-2014 will be determined by information received on unlawful activity and the Department's priorities as set out in the Compliance Field Prioritisation Matrix.

As at 31 May 2013 the equivalent of approximately 311 full time staff were undertaking compliance field and related compliance activities.