

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0107) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 34) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: When these decisions are being reviewed by members of the department back here in Canberra, is that all decisions or just the ones of the individuals who have been screened out?

Mr Bowles: To clarify, I said SES, but it is usually an executive level or an SES. It has been both over the period of time. It is usually an EL2 and in some cases it has been an SES. What is the second part of your question?

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: The second part was about the number of people, but Ms Larkins said—

Ms Larkins: I think it is two or three, but we will take that on notice.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Okay.

Answer:

At least one senior officer of the Department reviews all enhanced screening findings.

Interviews are conducted by two experienced officers. There are at least two senior officers who are part of enhanced screening. There is a number of support staff who provide support to each element of the enhanced screening. The number of people working on enhanced screening reflects the number of arrivals who undergo enhanced screening.