

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0233) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many staff from DIAC have been involved in processing irregular maritime arrivals at various locations in 2012-13? How have these staffing numbers changed from 2011-12 and 2010-11? If there has been an increase, what were the reasons for the increase?

Answer:

451 DIAC staff were involved in processing and detention of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) at various locations as at 31 May 2013.

Total number of DIAC staff involved in processing and detention of IMAs as at 31 May for the years 2011 to 2013 is outlined in the table below:

Date	Number of staff#
31 May 2013	451*
31 May 2012	382
31 May 2011	290

Full-time equivalent staff. Whole numbers reported only.

* Includes staff at Regional Processing Centres on Nauru and Manus Islands

Reason for increase:

The number of staff at various locations required to support the processing and management of IMAs varies in line with changes to the IMA caseload, the type of processing required for particular cohorts and the number of facilities in which IMAs are accommodated.