

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 OCTOBER 2008

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(15) Output: Internal Product**

Senator Barnett (L&CA 41) asked:

We are interested to know which contractors you have and which programs they were working on have concluded. We know there has been a reduction in staff since the May 2008 budget estimates. We are interested to know where those reductions have been made. I know you have answered questions from Senator Ellison on that particular point, but the information you have given is not comprehensive. You must have done some analysis about which you can advise the committee.

*Answer:*

As at 30 September 2008 the DIAC total contractor headcount figure was 697, consisting of 536 IT contractors and 161 non-IT contractors. This is a reduction of 9.2% from the 30 April 2008 figure of 768.

Non-IT contractors reduced in headcount by 24.4% (from 30 April 2008 to 30 September 2008) which was mainly due to a reduction of contractor numbers in the Border Security Division (reduction of 23 contractors) with other small reductions spread across the Department in response to the requirement to meet budget outcomes.

IT contractors reduced in headcount by 3.4% (from 30 April 2008 to 30 September 2008), attributable mainly to the reduction in Systems Division (reduction of 18 contractors).