

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(98) Program 4.3: Offshore asylum seeker management

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Is there a minimum or maximum amount of staff required on Christmas Island?

Answer:

There is no minimum or maximum amount of staff required on Christmas Island.

DIAC assesses requirements and staff are moved on and off of the island as needed. If the question relates to the Detention Service Provider (DSP), the Contract stipulates the services required and the DSP must provide sufficient numbers of staff to deliver those services to the standard required by DIAC. This is also based on the number of clients on the island.