

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(262) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution**

Senator Cash asked:

Can the department guarantee that the level of compliance, bona-fide and investigative activity has not been curtailed as a result of the pressure put on the department by the number of unprecedented unlawful arrivals?

*Answer:*

- Key activity and outcome measures for compliance work have increased in 2009-10 compared to the previous year. Locations have increased from 12 230 in 2008-09 to 14 169 in 2009-10, departures following DIAC contact increased from 5 443 in 2008-09 to 6 920 in 2009-10 and the number of clients managed on BVEs to an immigration resolution have increased from 7 221 in 2008-09 to 8 918 in 2009-10.
- Departmental activity in investigations and visa application bona fide checking is carried on in areas unaffected by the demands of processing IMAs.