

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(392) Program: Internal Product

Senator Barnett asked:

What has been the general staffing trend in your department and portfolio agencies since the 2007 election (for example SES numbers and recruitment has increased by X per cent because of Y).

Answer:

As at 30 November 2007 the Department's headcount was 6737 which increased to 7106 as at 30 June 2008 due to the commencement of a large number of non-ongoing staff. Since 30 June 2008 the Department decreased by 1.5% to a headcount of 6998 as at 30 June 2010. This decrease was driven by a reduction in external recruitment and natural attrition.

Since 30 June 2010 the Department's headcount has grown by 3.8% to 7267, which is due to increased external recruitment to meet the departmental requirements for irregular maritime arrivals and increased recruitment (particularly of non-ongoing staff) in the department's service centres.

The Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal staffing trends have remained relatively stable over the period.

AGENCY	30-Nov-07	30-Jun-08	30-Jun-09	30-Jun-10	31-Oct-10
DIAC	6737	7106	7017	6967	7235
Office of Migration Agents Registration Authority	0	0	10	31	32
DIAC/OMARA Total	6737	7106*	7027*	6998*	7267
Migration Review Tribunal/ Refugee Review Tribunal Total	268	283	268	272	276
Total	7005	7389	7295	7270	7543

* Figures from the Annual Report