

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(396) Program: Internal Product

Senator Barnett asked:

(1) Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff? If so, how have staff been identified for such offers?

(2) Are there such plans for the future?

Answer:

(1) From 1 July to 30 September 2010, there have been four voluntary redundancies. In each case, the employee was excess to the Department's requirements in accordance with related eligibility requirements under the department's Enterprise Agreement.

(2) It is unlikely that significant numbers of voluntary redundancies will be offered in the near future given the Department's current priorities.