

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(402) Program: Internal Product

Senator Barnett asked:

What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions or increases are envisaged please explain including reasons, targets numbers etc.

Answer:

Graduates:

The number of graduates recruited for the 2011 DIAC graduate program is:

- 44 generalist graduates (including 3 Indigenous graduates)
- 6 ICT graduates.

There is an increase of 19 generalist graduates from the 2010 program due to a greater demand from work areas for graduate placements. At this state a decision has not been taken on the number of graduates for future programs.

Cadets:

There are currently four confirmed Indigenous cadets for 2011, compared to four for 2010. Indigenous Cadets are recruited through the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) Pathways Program. The department is working on strategies to increase future numbers to assist in meeting COAG commitments.

Apprentices:

In 2011 DIAC is aiming to employ eight IT Apprentices, compared with seven employed in 2010. IT Apprentices are employed via the Australian Government Information Management Office (AGIMO), which is a whole of government approach. The department aims to employ a similar number of IT Apprentices each year.