

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 OCTOBER 2012**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(SE12/0003) Program: Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal**

Question:

Senator Cash (L&CA 6-7) asked:

Can you provide the committee with the number of tribunal members who were offline, and the periods they were offline dealing with the IPAO case load? If they were offline dealing with some other event, could you please provide the committee with the events that they were dealing with? Also include if they were on leave for a significant period of time while offline.

*Answer:*

Five full-time and thirteen part-time members were partly or fully offline from the tribunals to work on the IPAO caseload between December 2010 and November 2012. The period spent working on the IPAO caseload by these members ranged from 2 weeks to 22 months. Full-time members were deemed to be on leave from the tribunals while working under contractual arrangements established by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. No members were offline for other events.