

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0056) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Staffing: How many staff from DIAC will be involved in processing irregular maritime arrivals at various locations in 2012-13? How have these staffing numbers changed from 2011-12 to date and 2010-11? If there has been an increase, what were the reasons for the increase?

Answer:

The number of staff at Immigration Detention Facilities (IDFs) involved in processing Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) will vary in line with changes to the IMA caseload and activity levels throughout 2012-2013.

The following table illustrates how the number of staff at IDFs involved in IMA processing has increased since 31 October 2010.

Date	Number of staff#
31 October 2012	403*
31 October 2011	316
31 October 2010	236

Full-time equivalent staff

* Includes staff at Regional Processing Centres on Nauru and Manus Islands

The increase in IMA staffing reflects the increased number of IMAs and activity levels.