

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0084A) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Humphries (written) asked:

Portfolio wide - For this financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer:

The number of employees employed on contract to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship for the 2011-12 financial year was 1110 and for financial year to date 2012-13 (1 July 2012 to 31 October 2012) is 771. As all of these employees are contractors, there is no 'classification' level. The average employment period is 657 calendar days. This figure includes employees whose contract commenced in previous financial years.

The number of employees employed on contract to the Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal for the 2011-12 financial year was 26. The average employment period was 116 calendar days. For the financial year to date 2012-13 (1 July 2012 to 31 October 2012) the number of employees employed on contract was five. The average employment period was 32 calendar days. All of these employees are classified as contractors.