

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0185) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

How many seconded departmental officers acting in ministerial offices, including DLOs have security clearances? a. At what level? b. If not, why not

Answer:

Of the five DLOs in the Ministers' offices, one officer holds a Negative Vetting Level 2 clearance, three hold Negative Vetting Level 1 security clearances and one holds a Baseline clearance. Of the four officers who do not hold a Negative Vetting Level 2 security clearance, action is underway to upgrade them to this level.

There is also an acting receptionist, with a current Baseline clearance whose secondment from the department ceases in January 2014.