

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0209) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the department? a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?

Answer:

The department's instrument of authorisation provides that any staff member in the FOI & Privacy Policy Section (located in National Office, Melbourne and Parramatta), and all staff at EL2 (or equivalent) and above are able to exercise all powers under the FOI Act.

- a. The current authorisation was in place prior to 6 September 2013.