

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0304) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many staff (FTE) are involved in ensuring genuineness of claims made by visa applicants?

*Answer:*

Verification of claims made in visa applications is a central role performed by all processing officers. As at 31 October 2013, there were 2,093 staff involved in visa processing across the department.