

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0357) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What is the progress of Australia-Indonesian cooperation?

What activities are being undertaken at department level as a result of the Australia-Indonesian cooperation?

How many staff are allocated to these activities?

What is the department's involvement in these activities?

Answer:

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection's (DIBP) cooperation with Indonesia is ongoing. DIBP's bilateral cooperation with Indonesia is underpinned by two comprehensive Memoranda of Understanding: one covering cooperation on migration and border control management and one relating to Work and Holiday visas.

The involvement of DIBP in immigration cooperation and capacity building activities relating to these MOUs comprises: stakeholder management; policy advice; project development and delivery (including technical assistance and training); and project and contract management. DIBP has approximately seven staff working on these activities.