

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(78) Program: Internal Product

Senator Barnett asked:

- (1) Are there any plans for staff reduction?

- (2) If so, please advise details ie reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.

Answer:

1. Yes – over a four to five year period – subject to outcomes for DIAC in the Budget process.

2. Specific reduction targets are not known in advance of outcomes for DIAC in future Budget process. The Department is however advancing a major transformational change program which will improve both the efficiency and effectiveness of its operations through a combination of the use of technology opportunities created through the Systems for People program, improved use of risk management practices and reductions in overhead costs.