

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(79) Program: Internal Product

Senator Barnett asked:

(1) What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs?

(2) If reductions are envisaged, please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.

Answers:

(1) The number of graduates recruited for the 2010 DIAC programs were as follows:

- 25 Generalist graduates
- 10 IT Professionals
- 4 Indigenous cadets
- 7 IT Apprentices (via the Australian Government Information Management Office (AGIMO) program).

DIAC does not employ IT cadets.

A decision is yet to be made on the number of recruits DIAC intends to employ for the 2011 intakes.

(2) As a decision is yet to be made on the number of recruits DIAC intends to employ for the 2011 intakes, it is not possible to determine whether there will be reductions.