

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0059) Program: Internal Product

Senator Cash asked:

How many staff from DIAC will be involved in processing irregular maritime arrivals at the various locations in 2012-13? How have these staffing numbers changed from 2011-12 to date and 2010-11? If there has been an increase, what were the reasons for the increase?

Answer:

The number of staff at Immigration Detention Facilities (IDFs) involved in processing Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) will vary in line with changes to the IMA caseload and activity levels throughout 2012-2013.

The following table illustrates how the number of staff at IDFs involved in IMA processing has increased since 30 June 2010.

Date	Number of staff
22 May 2012	393
30 June 2011	275
30 June 2010	175

The increase in IMA staffing reflects increased number of IMAs and activity levels.