

## COMMITTEE INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No. 2)

Senator Kimberley Kitching asked the Department of Defence, upon notice, on 08 December 2021:

Senator Kitching: I've been lucky enough to see some of the defence companies in regional Australia; it's amazing. I think it's good to have some of that capability not only in cities but across the country. How many of the staff and contractors who were working for the CDIC went across to ODIS?

Ms Rush: All of the CDIC team that were within the department who came across have got roles within ODIS. The numbers in the APS do change. As I mentioned, we are doing a heavy recruiting drive for business advisers at the moment across Australia and we have some really quite good numbers on those and in really geographically disparate areas. I do not have that specific number to hand.

Senator Kitching: Could you take it on notice?

The Department of Defence provides the following answer to the Senator's question:

A total of 28 staff from the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (DISER) Centre for Defence Industry Capability (CDIC) office transferred from DISER to Defence from 28 January 2021, including 11 DISER contractors: 6 DISER APS Employees; and 11 Defence DISER Secondees.