

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Treasury Portfolio**  
Supplementary Budget Estimates  
2014 - 2015

**Department/Agency: ATO**

**Question: SBT 1881**

**Topic: Existing resources program**

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**Senator: Ludwig**

**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1881. How many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?
- a. List each
  - b. List the staffing assigned to each task
  - c. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?
  - d. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?

**Answer:**

1881.

- a. From Budget Estimates in June 2014 to the end of October 2014 the ATO has commenced one new project as a consequence of government policies or priorities to be funded within existing resources:
  - a. Reforms to Immigration 457 Visa Programme
- b. This project is being led by the Department of Immigration and the ATO has had minor input to the planning phase, as a result current ATO resourcing commitments are minimal.
- c. Current ATO resourcing commitments for this project are minimal with an estimated total salary cost to date of less than \$10,000.
- d. The ATO will not be committing full time resources or equipment to this project until the planning and design phases, led by the Department of Immigration, have been completed.