

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/030) AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

Senator Singh, Lisa (L&CA 90) asked:

Senator SINGH: You provided an answer in relation to secondary employment at the last estimates, so I wanted to get an update on the figures that were provided in that question on notice response AE14/170, if I may. How many Customs officials have sought approval for secondary employment since that February estimates?

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Mr Quaedvlieg: Yes. I do not think this is going to help us. But for the benefit of the chair and others, at that time 559 officers had sought approval for secondary employment. At that stage at least 533—so that is a difference of 26—applications had been successful. But whether that just meant that those other 26 were still in progress and applications were still being considered I just do not know. So, as I am advised—and I will check this and provide any corrective information as required—we currently still have 12 in progress. From that historical figure and any lodged since, 14 were not approved.

Senator SINGH: Okay.

Mr Pezzullo: As to the breakdown or the reasons, if there is a way to provide some further information for the senators' benefit that breaks that down and maybe gives the reasons why they were not approved, I will have a look at that and come back to you on notice.

Answer:

267 Customs Officials have sought approval for paid secondary employment for the period 1 July 2013 and 31 May 2014.