

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/220) AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

Senator Carr, Kim (Written) asked:

How many customs officials have sought approval for secondary employment since February Estimates (559)?

How many of those applications were successful (533 since February)?

How many of the total number of undeclared secondary employment cases have there been in total and since February estimates?

How many, if any, have been disciplined for failing to declare secondary employment (none since February).

Answer:

250 Customs Officials have sought approval for paid secondary employment for the period 1 February 2014 and 31 May 2014.

240 applications for paid secondary employment were successful for the period 1 February 2014 and 31 May 2014.

Since the commencement of ACBPS's interim Outside Employment Policy on 1 November 2013, three officers in total have been, or are currently subject to, Code of Conduct inquiries for allegedly failing to disclose outside employment or voluntary activities. Since February 2014, two Code of Conduct inquiries have commenced.

No sanction under section 15 of the Public Service Act 1999 has been imposed on a Customs Official for failing to apply for approval before engaging in outside employment or voluntary activities.