

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(BE14/523) PROGRAMME – Internal Product**

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7th 2013?
2. How many temporary or contract staff were employed since September 7th 2013?
3. How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed?
4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
5. How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff?
6. What policies/criteria govern the appointment of Contract staff?
7. How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?

*Answer:*

1-4. This information is not recorded in the portfolio's systems. Providing this level of detail would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

5. This has yet to be determined as the budget has not been finalised.

6. The portfolio appoints contract staff according to its procurement and financial policies.

7. The use of contract staff is consistent with a professional, independent public service because it allows flexibility within the context of the agency's budget to manage a temporary increase in workload or meet a temporary demand for employees with specialist skills.