

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017**

**Administrative Appeals Tribunal**

**Question No. BE17-102**

**Senator O'Sullivan asked the following question on 25 May 2017:**

Senator O'Sullivan: Coming back to my original point, how many times would the division head make his or her way into Perth each year, for example?

Ms Leatham: I would have to take that on notice. I could not give you a firm answer.

Senator O'Sullivan: No sense of it? Let me put the question another way. Do they make a weekly or monthly visit?

Ms Leatham: No. The division head would have a program of visits over a period of time.

Senator O'Sullivan: My point is, do you think it would be more than half a dozen visits a year to Perth?

Ms Leatham: No, I do not think it would be more than that.

**The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:**

As at 25 May 2017, the Division Head of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal's Migration & Refugee Division had been to Perth twice since her appointment in March 2016. A planned third visit had to be cancelled. The Division Head would propose to visit the Perth office four times a year, and more frequently if particular circumstances required additional visits.