

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/005) - Communication staff levels - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA 20) asked:

Senator McKIM: It is a shame the minister does not agree with you, but I will come to that later. Mr Pezzullo, how many communications staff does the department have? If I said, between the department and the minister, you have over 80, would that be accurate?

Mr Pezzullo: No, I cannot see how you would get to that number. I would have to take that on notice. Communications also relates to internal comms—all-staff messages and internal corporate communications. I would exclude those for this purpose. I think what you are going to is media operations and media liaison.

Senator McKIM: Yes.

Mr Pezzullo: I will take that on notice.

Answer:

As at 30 April 2017, there were 21 staff working in the Department's Media Operations Section.