

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE17/188) - Department Communications and Media staff - Internal Product (DIBP)**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Please provide the number of staff in media and communications roles in the Department for the past five financial years

Please provide the cost of employing these staff broken down by the past five financial years

*Answer:*

The Department was established on 1 July 2015.

- As at **1 July 2015**, there were 77 staff in communication and media roles.
- As at **1 July 2016**, there were 80 staff in communication and media roles. From 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, employee expenses totalled \$8,425,858.
- As at **30 April 2017**, there were 77 staff in communication and media roles. From 1 July 2016 to 30 April 2017, employee expenses totalled \$7,766,012.