

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/006) PROGRAMME – OMARA

Senator Bilyk (L&CA 22) asked:

Senator BILYK: I am quite happy to be corrected if I am wrong, but I thought I read somewhere that those English-language tests for migration agents were going to be watered down. Could you explain that to me?

Mr Ingram: There was a change towards the end of last year. There was to be an English-language test for re-registration of migration agents. The government decided not to impose that English-language test on re-registration. The English-language test applies to initial registration but not to re-registration.

Senator BILYK: Would you have any numbers for 7 September 2013 available?

Mr Ingram: I do not have them with me, but I can take that on notice and we should be able to give you a precise number.

Answer:

As at 30 September 2013 there were 5,026 registered migration agents.