

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/268) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

- a. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?
- b. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?
- c. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?
- d. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
- e. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?

Answer:

a – d. This information is not recorded in the Portfolio's systems. Providing this level of detail would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

e. The portfolio appoints contract staff according to its procurement and financial policies. On 1 July 2014 a new resource management framework for all Commonwealth entities commenced when the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* replaced the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* and *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*. The Commonwealth Procurement Rules were updated to reflect these changes. These changes have had no impact on the appointment of contract staff.