

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/328) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator O'Neill asked:

Well, let's see if they are the same ones then. That is a clearer explanation for me. There were 1,800 that were investigated, and you can see the details in front of you. Of them, there were a number of issues raised: no longer employed by the sponsor, 338. Clearly, you would be very concerned about that. Have you taken any action to ensure that information is being passed promptly between agencies?

Answer:

Under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding, information regarding Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) audits of 457 sponsoring employers is passed regularly, in the form of a monthly report, from the FWO to the department.