

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING
23 MAY 2011 – DEPARTMENT OF THE SENATE
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Number of people working on interagency development programs

Senator Moore asked (Hansard pages 9-10) for the number of people working on interagency development programs and their periods of work and whether they maintain the salary level of their home department.

In 2011, there was one participant selected to be part of the Working in the Senate (WISE) program. The participant commenced on 31 January 2011 and is expected to complete the program on 9 December 2011.

In 2011, there were also two participants selected to be part of the Parliament of Australia Graduate Program. Participants in this program are with the department for a period of approximately three months.

Participants of both the WISE and Parliament of Australia Graduate programs remain employees of their home departments or agencies, and as such, remain on the same terms and conditions of their home departments or agencies, including salary.