QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(61) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Humphries (L&C 116) asked:

How many section 501 cases have been considered this year to date and how many in 2008-09?

Answer.

- The Department considered 922 cases under section 501 of the *Migration Act 1958* in the period 1 July 2009 to 31 January 2010.
- The number of cases 'considered' in 2008-09 is not currently available from departmental systems.