

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0051) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details, i.e. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut, etc. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.

Answer:

Department of Immigration and Citizenship:

As part of meeting the additional costs of the Enterprise Agreement 2011-14 and the recent increases to the efficiency dividend, DIAC intends over the Forward Estimates period, to reduce staff across the department by way of natural attrition.

Merit Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal:

The Migration Review Tribunal-Refugee Review Tribunal has no plans for staff reduction.