

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0150) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

Will or has consideration been made to reducing staffing compliment including contractors, and consultants?

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.

In addition, DIAC is maintaining a focus on reduction of Contractor numbers, particularly in ICT through an active conversion process in response to Gershon reforms.

Merit Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal:

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