

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0170) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Waters asked:

How many projects (and total number of employees) are projected to make use of the EMA arrangements?

*Answer:*

Currently, there are between 18 and 38 projects that meet one or both of the project eligibility thresholds; that is, total capital expenditure in excess of \$2 billion and a peak workforce greater than 1500.

It is not possible to make an accurate prediction of the number of overseas employees that will be employed under an Enterprise Migration Agreement based on the above figures. The employee numbers depend on a number of different factors including the size of the project, the projected labour shortages and the types of occupations in demand at a given point in time.

As a result, until projects make formal submissions for EMAs, it is not possible to provide a definitive figure.