

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0166) PROGRAM – Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

With reference to Recommendation 16 of the Lavarch Review – “That the transfer of all IPAO cases to the RRT occur at the earliest possible time together with the transfer of all relevant staff and resources.” Have all IPAO cases been transferred to the RRT? How many were transferred in total? Have all relevant IPAO staff and resources been transferred? How many staff has been transferred? If not, when will this occur? Have the 22 Members that were working with the IPAO returned to the Tribunal?

Answer:

All outstanding IPAO cases and staff were transferred to the tribunals on 1 July 2012. All IPAO cases have now been finalised. IPAO cases remitted from the Courts are returned to DIAC to be processed.

635 IPAO cases were transferred to RRT on 1 July 2012.

All relevant staff have been transferred, an interim transfer of funding was provided but IPAO funding has not been finalised.

52 staff were transferred to the tribunals' payroll on 1 July 2012 but some of these staff have returned to various roles in DIAC on either temporary or ongoing placements.

The 22 members that were working with the IPAO returned to the tribunals on 1 July 2012.