

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0218) PROGRAM – Internal Product**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What is the total number of DIAC staff currently involved in processing visa and citizenship applications in Australia? How have these staffing numbers changed since 2008-09? How do these figures compare with 2011-12?

*Answer:*

Using Job Families data, which was first collected in 2012 and is the most relevant data available, the number of employees who are assigned to visa and citizenship processing in Australia as at 31 January 2013 is 1434. This is broken down by office location below:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Adelaide	209
Brisbane	216
Cairns	18
Canberra	14
Darwin	1
Hobart	81
Melbourne	278
Parramatta	62
Perth	198
Sydney	357
<b>Total</b>	<b>1434</b>

Visa processing is also conducted by departmental staff located overseas. Because Job Families data was not collected prior to 2012, comparable data for 2008-09 is not available.