

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/519) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

How many staff are involved in reviewing these FOI cases/referrals?

Answer:

The Joint Agency Task Force (JATF) is not an agency for the purposes of the FOI Act and staff members of the JATF do not process FOI requests. There is one Australian Customs Border Protection Service officer (CL4 equivalent to EL1) working within the JATF who undertakes a coordination role for FOI requests (together with other duties).

Each JATF agency is responsible for processing FOI requests received by that agency and the allocation of staff to that function is a matter for each agency.