

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(33) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Carr (L&C 43 and 44) asked:

How many are employed in the business employer monitoring function?

Answer:

As at 9 June 2006, 45 officers were dedicated to monitoring business sponsors. However, additional staff from the Business Centres, Regional Outreach Officers and Compliance officers assist in investigations and site visits where necessary.

Any breaches in relation to legislation other than the Migration Act are referred to the relevant state or federal agency for investigation. These agencies include the Office of Workplace Services, relevant state industrial relations agencies, the Australian Taxation Office, state occupational health and safety agencies and the Australian Federal Police.