

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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Senator Carr asked:

About 170 DFAT officers are considered DIAC Migration Officers under the Migration Act and therefore have access to DIAC's databases. Since these officers are accessing DIAC databases, are they covered by DIAC's Code of Conduct? If so, why have you declined to investigate accesses by these DFAT Migration Officers?

Answer:

DFAT officers who are considered “officers” under the *Migration Act 1958*, when acting or purporting to act in that capacity, are not DIAC employees and as such are not subject to the provisions of the DIAC Code of Conduct.