QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 28 MAY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(43) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&CA 55) asked:

How many people were in the delegation from Australia at the Bali Regional Ministerial Conference?

Answer.

There were 28 people in the Australian delegation at the Bali Process Ministerial Conference. Membership of the delegation reflected Australia's whole-of-government approach to addressing people smuggling issues in the region.

Foreign Minister Smith co-chaired the meeting with Indonesian Foreign Minister Wirajuda while Minister Evans led the Australian delegation which included Minister Debus. The remainder of the delegation comprised five ministerial staff, nine local embassy staff from DFAT, DIAC, Customs and AFP, and eleven Canberra-based staff from DFAT, DIAC and AusAID.