

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26 MAY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(13) Program: Internal Product

Senator Barnett (L&C 40-41) asked:

With respect to this financial year and the last two financial years, can you be more specific as to where the staff reductions in Outcomes 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 will be coming from?

Answer:

The staff reduction across each of these outcomes has been managed by natural attrition in staffing levels, corporate overhead redistributions and staffing management strategies. A continuing key strategy involves the reallocation of staff from areas where reductions are occurring to irregular maritime arrivals work.