

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26 MAY 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (16) Program : Internal Product

Senator Barnett (L&C 44-45) asked:

In the answer to a question on notice for 30 June 2008, 30 June 2009 and then 31 January 2010 I would like to know where the increase in departmental staff has come from—the section of the department from which they come—to Christmas Island. Over the two-year period it has increased from four to 85, an increase of 81. They have come from somewhere. I would like to know whence they came.

*Answer:*

The department has established a pool of trained staff who have expressed interest in IMA related service. Staff deployed to Christmas Island (CI) are sourced from this pool. Staff in the pool remain in their substantive roles until temporarily deployed to CI. Staff deployments are subject to ability to be released from substantive roles and are for varying lengths of time or on rotation. This system spreads the impact of these deployments across the department and over time, reducing the strain in any one area. Staff deployed to CI come from a large number of areas across the department and these vary from week to week as staff are rotated on and off CI.

As at 8 June 2010 the total number of departmental staff on CI is 87.

The breakdown of the 87 staff currently on CI by originating departmental area (as at 8 June 2010) is:

State/Office	Division (National Office) or Branch (State Office)	Total
ACT & Regions Office	Ministerial Intervention	1
	Temporary Residence & Counter Services	1
<b>ACT &amp; Regions Office Total</b>		<b>2</b>
National Office	Border Security	3
	Client Services	1
	Client Strategy & Performance	1
	Community & Detention Services	7
	Compliance & Case Resolution	10
	Labour Market	1
	Migration Visa Policy	2
	Onshore Protection	1
	People & Executive Services	4
Systems	1	
<b>National Office Total</b>		<b>31</b>

State/Office	Division (National Office) or Branch (State Office)	Total
NSW State Office	Business Monitoring	1
	Client Services	1
	Compliance & Case Resolution	6
	Compliance and Ministerial Intervention	1
	Onshore Protection	6
<b>NSW State Office Total</b>		<b>15</b>
NT Regional Office	Executive	1
<b>NT Regional Office Total</b>		<b>1</b>
Qld State Office	Borders & Character	2
	Citizenship, Settlement & Multicultural Affairs	1
	Compliance & Case Resolution	1
	Compliance, Case Resolution & Removals	1
	General Skilled Migration	1
	Integrity	1
	Migration & Temporary Entry	1
<b>Qld State Office Total</b>		<b>8</b>
SA State Office	Client Services	2
	N/A - Long Term Leave	1
	National Visa Analysis Centre (NVAC)	3
	Offshore Student Processing	1
	Settlement	1
<b>SA State Office Total</b>		<b>8</b>
TAS State Office	Business Transformation Services	1
	E- Tourist Global Processing	1
	Onshore Protection	1
	Visa Services, Entry and Compliance	1
<b>TAS State Office Total</b>		<b>4</b>
VIC State Office	Border Security	1
	Citizenship and Visa Services	2
	Client Information & Feedback	1
	Family	1
	Skilled Entry	2
	Status Resolution	2
	Translating and Interpreting Services (TIS)	1
<b>VIC State Office Total</b>		<b>10</b>
WA State Office	Client Services, Settlement and Students	2
	Corporate	1
	Onshore Protection	1
	Perth Airport	1
	Perth Christmas Island Team	1
	Returns & Removals	1
	Settlement & Multicultural Affairs	1
<b>WA State Office Total</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>DIAC Total</b>		<b>87</b>