

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0011) Program: Portfolio Tribunals (MRT-RRT)**

Senator Boyce (L&CA written) asked:

Is it due to inadequate resourcing?

*Answer:*

The tribunals did not have enough experienced members to deal with a large increase in cases in 2010. Member positions were advertised in November 2010, and appointments were made with effect from 1 July 2011.