

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0038) Program: Internal Product

Senator Cash (L&CA 19) asked:

Provide a comparison of how IMA staffing numbers have changed from 2010 – 11 to date and 2009 – 10 and an estimate for 2011 – 12.

Answer:

The number of full time equivalent staff involved in the management of Irregular Maritime Arrivals fluctuates depending on operational needs. As such, it is not possible to give an accurate figure of staffing levels over a financial year. Instead, the staffing level at specific dates is provided below for the purposes of comparison:

31 May 2011	811
31 January 2011	709
30 June 2010	265
30 June 2009	71

The estimated staffing requirement for 2011 – 12 continues to be adjusted in line with operational needs.