

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 - 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0129) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (written) asked:

How many Department delegates are there in the Labour Agreement section at National Office to administer the 80 on-going Labour Agreements and to process the numbers pending?

Answer:

As at 31 May 2011 there were eight staff (full time equivalent) managing the 123 signed labour agreements and the 86 labour agreements under negotiation. An additional staff member commenced working on labour agreements in June 2011 and another is expected to commence work in July 2011, bringing the total to 10 staff (full time equivalent) in the next month.