

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(288) Output 3.1: Whole-of-government coordination of policy development and service delivery for Indigenous Australians

Senator Evans asked:

1. How many DIMIA staff are currently allocated specifically to the engaging regional bodies in RPA negotiations?
2. Is there someone in each state from DIMIA working specifically on RPAs?

Answer:

1. DIMIA staff are not specifically allocated to engaging regional bodies in RPA negotiations. Where negotiations are underway, a number of staff from across the relevant Indigenous Coordination Centre and the State Office could be involved. Support from National Office can also be involved.
2. No.