

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (154) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

For each Centre of Excellence provide the number of staff in the 457 visa section for each month since 1 July 2008.

*Answer:*

The following table shows the Average Staffing Level (ASL) attributed to the processing of subclass 457 visa applications.

Financial Year	Month	Centre of Excellence			Total
		NSW	VIC	WA	
2008-09	Jul	169	58	44	271
	Aug	174	58	43	275
	Sep	187	58	40	285
	Oct	185	57	43	285
	Nov	185	61	49	295
	Dec	182	65	55	302
	Jan	179	65	54	298
	Feb	168	64	56	288
	Mar	118	61	52	231
	Apr	115	60	47	222
	May	114	59	47	220
	Jun	112	59	45	216
2009-10	Jul	106	47	43	196
	Aug	102	44	33	179
	Sep	102	45	32	179
	Oct	96	44	35	175
	Nov	92	42	38	172
	Dec	91	38	36	165
	Jan	83	42	39	164
	Feb	84	41	40	165
	Mar	82	40	28	150
	Apr	80	39	28	147
	May	77	37	27	141
	Jun	79	42	27	148
2010-11	Jul	82	38	29	149
	Aug	79	38	28	145
	Sep	78	40	27	145
	Oct	77	40	25	142

*Note 1: Figures are rounded to nearest whole numbers.*

*Note 2: Not all of these staff resources were devoted solely to processing visa subclass 457 applications. Other activity included some processing of Sponsored Visitor Visas, Sponsored Business Visas and Medical Practitioners; Outreach activities; systems testing; and integrity work.*

*Note 3: The figures exclude work undertaken on the 457 legacy caseload during the establishment of the COEs in 2008 (eg. in Brisbane and Canberra).*