

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(398) Program: Internal Product

Senator Barnett asked:

Since Budget Estimates 2010, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer:

On 27 May 2010 DIAC had 574 contractors with an average length of engagement of 1136 calendar days.

At 31 October 2010, DIAC had 582 contractors with an average length of engagement of 1038 calendar days.

The increase of 8 contractors by 31 October comprised an increase of 157 new contractors engaged and a decrease of 149 contractors departing the Department.

These figures include only those contractors with a direct engagement relationship with the Department. This excludes external service providers such as Detention Services, Converg, security service providers, Unisys, CSC, facilities and maintenance.