

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(8) Program: Internal Product

Senator Barnett (L&CA 24-25) asked:

What is the cost to the budget of the 300 additional IMA staff?

Answer:

The Department is unable to provide an estimated cost of the 300 additional staff, because, as explained in response to question 10, the department does not know how many staff will be required, when they will be starting, nor how long they will be with DIAC. The staff will be recruited to DIAC on a staggered basis over the next six months, depending on need.

As at 31 October 2010, 33 staff had started on six month secondments, at an estimated cost of \$ 1,124,772.00.

As at 31 October 2010, there had been no formal offers accepted from the Department's bulk recruitment round.