

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0155) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

Processing times - in all 457 visa processing locations: How many staff have undertaken 457 visa processing in each month for the previous twelve months? What is the average length of tenure of staff undertaking 457 processing?

Answer:

The following figures are a headcount. Not all staff work fulltime and these figures include staff who are on leave in a month and others who may at some time in a month have been involved in project work on system development as subject matter experts. The increase in staff engaged in June reflects the first group engaged in preparation and training for the establishment of the Brisbane Centre of Excellence.

2010			2011								
Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sept
148	147	151	150	161	162	161	170	185	199	197	209

The average workforce tenure across the five teams processing 457 applications is 6.3 years in the Department.