

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0314) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash asked:

How many staff are currently performing compliance-related activities in the Department?

Answer:

The department's Visa Compliance and Status Resolution Program includes three sub-programs: Detection Onshore, Removals and Status Resolution.

As at 30 September 2011, the Detection Onshore sub-program had approximately 250 compliance full-time equivalent officers (by average salary level) in the service delivery network. This figure includes compliance field staff, compliance counter staff and others most directly involved in the detection, location and assessment of immigration status of compliance clients.

The following table provides a break-down of where these officers are located.

State	ASL as at 30 September 2011
ACT	9
NSW	125.2
NT	8
QLD	22
SA	10.5
TAS	3
VIC	59
WA	14
Total	250.7

Consistent with data previously provided, this data does not include staff engaged in associated policy development, training and support roles.

These figures also do not include community status resolution officers, case managers, removals staff and others who are engaged in resolving the immigration status of compliance clients. Nor do they include staff engaged in integrity-related work or character cancellation work, which may lead to the need for compliance activity.