

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0001) PROGRAMME – Internal Product**

Senator Carr (L&CA 10-11) asked:

Senator CARR: This is all new. You have not been advised as to what the reporting requirement is?

Mr Plowman: If we have been advised, I have not got that advice yet.

Senator CARR: Could you take that on notice, please. Could I also ask on notice what the role of the Australian Public Service Commissioner will be in the approval process.

*Answer:*

The reporting requirement on engagement of non-ongoing employees is on a monthly basis. The report is to indicate the number of new non-ongoing engagements for the month, as well as extensions of existing non-ongoing engagements.

Agency heads need to seek the approval of the Public Service Commissioner prior to advertising a vacancy on the basis that there is no suitable employee within the APS and that filling the vacancy is essential.