

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0179) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

- a) Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors?
- b) Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how?
- c) What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?

Answer:

- a) Yes.
- b) Yes, the reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors has created financial savings and an increase in APS FTE in the ICT area as an alternative to individual contractors.
- c) The estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates period as a result of the reduction in contractors and consultants since 2012-13 is approximately \$7m pa. (This is based on an average \$50,000 difference on the cost of an APS FTE to contractor). It is assumed these savings are durable over the forward estimates.

MRT-RRT:

There has been a reduced use of external consultants and contractors in the year to 31 October 2013 compared to 2012-13. The reduction has not significantly impacted on the MRT-RRT. The use of consultants and contractors will vary over the years depending on changing needs.

Australian Customs and Border Protection Services

- a) No.
- a) No.
- a) N/A.