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ABBREVIATIONS

ACS	Australian Customs Service
AFP	Australian Federal Police
AGD	Attorney-General's Department
DIAC	Department of Immigration and Citizenship
ICS	Integrated Cargo System
MRT	Migration Review Tribunal
RAMSI	Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands
RRT	Refugee Review Tribunal
ASIO	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
AAT	Administrative Appeals Tribunal
ACLEI	Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
AGS	Australian Government Solicitor
HREOC	Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
OFLC	Office of Film and Literature Classification
NNTT	National Native Title Tribunal
IDG	International Deployment Group
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation

PREFACE

On 9 May 2007, the Senate referred to the committee the examination of estimates of proposed expenditure for the financial year 2007-08. The committee is responsible for the examination of the Attorney-General's portfolio and the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio. The portfolio budget statements were tabled on 9 May 2007.

Reference of proposed expenditures

The Senate referred to the committee, for examination and report, the following documents:

- particulars of certain proposed expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2008 (relating to Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2007-08);
- particulars of proposed expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2008 (relating to Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2007-08);
- particulars of certain proposed supplementary expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2007 (relating to Appropriation Bill (No.6) 2006-07); and
- particulars of proposed supplementary expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2007 (relating to Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2006-07).¹

The committee was required to report on its consideration of the budget estimates on or before 19 June 2007.

Estimates hearings

The committee met in public session from 21 May to 24 May 2007.

Over the course of the four days' hearings, totalling over 42 hours, the committee took evidence from the following departments and agencies:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner;
- Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT);
- Attorney-General's Department (AGD);
- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI);

1 Appropriation bills are introduced to Parliament in pairs, as the Constitution imposes different requirements on expenditure that relates to the ordinary annual services of government and expenditure that does not relate to ordinary annual services. 'Proposed expenditure' relates to the ordinary annual services of government while 'certain proposed expenditure' relates to all other expenditure.

- Australian Customs Service (ACS);
- Australian Government Solicitor (AGS);
- Australian Federal Police (AFP);
- Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC);
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO);
- CrimTrac;
- Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC);
- Family Court of Australia;
- Federal Court of Australia;
- Federal Magistrates Court;
- High Court of Australia;
- Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC);
- Insolvency and Trustee Service of Australia;
- Migration Review Tribunal (MRT);
- National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT);
- Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions;
- Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT);
- Office of Film and Literature Classification (OFLC);
- Office of the Parliamentary Counsel; and
- Office of the Privacy Commissioner.

Copies of *Hansard* are available on the internet at the following address:
<http://www.aph.gov.au/hansard/index.htm>.

An index of the Hansard for each portfolio appears at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

Ministers

The committee heard evidence from Senator the Hon Chris Ellison, Minister for Human Services representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship and from Senator the Hon David Johnston, Minister for Justice and Customs who also represented the Attorney-General.

Officers from both departments and associated agencies also appeared. The committee thanks Ministers and officers for their assistance.

Questions on notice

Further written explanations, and answers to questions on notice, will be tabled as soon as possible after they are received. That information is also available on the

committee's internet page at the following address:
http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/legcon_ctte/estimates/index.

The committee has resolved that the due date for submitting responses to questions on notice from the Budget Estimates round is 6 July 2007.

Report

In this report, the committee draws the attention of the Senate to issues raised in the four days of hearings. These included:

- the expected overspend of DIAC;
- progress of the implementation of the Palmer and Comrie reports;
- the proposed citizenship test;
- the cost and staff savings associated with combining the administration of the MRT and RRT;
- the caseload of ACLEI;
- AFP recruitment;
- AFP investigations regarding the theft of military equipment;
- security arrangements and funding for the 2007 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum; and
- Mr David Hicks.

CHAPTER 1

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

PORTFOLIO

Introduction

1.1 This chapter summarises areas of interest and concern raised during the committee's consideration of the budget estimates of the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio for the 2007-08 financial year.

Department of Immigration and Citizenship

1.2 Changes in the output/outcome structure for DIAC are outlined in appendix 4.

1.3 The committee received an update on DIAC's projected overspend for the 2006-07 financial year. Officers told the committee that DIAC's overspend would be close to the \$55.4 million approved by the Department of Finance and Administration (DoFA). Officers told the committee that DIAC was working with DoFA to ensure appropriate funding levels in the future to take into account new expenditure, such as the implementation of the Palmer and Comrie reports.¹

1.4 Continuing its examination of DIAC's finances, the committee sought an explanation for the increase in DIAC's employee expenses from \$499 million in 2006-07 to \$522 million in 2007-08. DIAC explained that implementation of the citizenship test and additional checking of temporary long stay (457) visas required increased staff numbers. In addition, pay rises negotiated under DIAC's new enterprise agreement had also increased employee costs.²

1.5 The committee continued its oversight of DIAC's implementation of the Palmer and Comrie reports, obtaining an update from DIAC on the 247 cases of possible unlawful detention referred to the Ombudsman for investigation. DIAC told the committee that 84 case summaries have been provided to DIAC by the Ombudsman, and DIAC was considering responses to each case.³ The committee also questioned officers on the progress of the compensation claim of Ms Cornelia Rau. DIAC advised that a statement of claim had been provided by Ms Rau's lawyers and

¹ *Committee Hansard*, 21 May 2007, pp 17-19. In 2005 Mr Mick Palmer issued a report on the Inquiry into the Circumstances of the Immigration Detention of Cornelia Rau. In the same year Mr Neil Comrie, with assistance from the Commonwealth Ombudsman, issued a report into the removal of Ms Vivian Alvarez Solon from Australia.

² *Committee Hansard*, 21 May 2007, p. 20.

³ *Committee Hansard*, 21 May 2007, p. 31.

DIAC was assessing the claim and how to resolve it, including the consideration of whether alternative dispute resolution should be pursued.⁴

1.6 In relation to outcome 1, the committee sought information about matters including:

- the recent report by the Auditor-General on the administration of the health requirement under the Migration Act including the lack of monitoring of health undertakings made by people granted visas;⁵
- the review of the policy in relation to HIV positive visa applicants being undertaken at the request of the Prime Minister;⁶ and
- waiting periods for contributory parent visa applicants.⁷

1.7 The committee questioned DIAC on the Government's arrangements with the United States of America (USA) to accept refugees accommodated at Guantanamo Bay and for the USA to accept refugees accommodated on Nauru.⁸ Committee members questioned officers on the negotiation process of the agreement, in particular the timeline of events leading to the agreement. Officers agreed to provide details on notice.

1.8 DIAC provided information in relation to the 83 Sri Lankan asylum seekers who were intercepted by the Navy in international waters, taken to Christmas Island for initial screening interviews and ultimately sent to Nauru for processing of their claims for asylum. DIAC updated the committee on the progress of the claims together with an update on the progress of asylum claims of Burmese asylum seekers also on Nauru.⁹

1.9 In relation to output 2.1 (settlement services), the committee sought further details on the proposed measures to increase support for recently arrived humanitarian entrants, including in relation to:

- the purpose of a proposed discretionary fund to support the settlement of refugees in regional areas;¹⁰
- the new Proposer Support Program to strengthen the capacity of proposers to support entrants under the Special Humanitarian Program;¹¹

⁴ *Committee Hansard*, 21 May 2007, p. 29

⁵ *Committee Hansard*, 21 May 2007, pp 40-43.

⁶ *Committee Hansard*, 21 May 2007, pp 38-40.

⁷ *Committee Hansard*, 21 May 2007, pp 43-44.

⁸ *Committee Hansard*, 21 May 2007, pp 68-78.

⁹ *Committee Hansard*, 21 May 2007, pp 92-97.

¹⁰ *Committee Hansard*, 22 May 2007, p. 22.

¹¹ *Committee Hansard*, 22 May 2007, pp 27-29.

- the establishment of Complex Case Support services to deliver specialised and intensive case management to recently arrived humanitarian entrants with exceptional needs (i.e. where pre-migration experiences, severe torture and trauma or crisis events present significant barriers to settlement beyond the capacity of existing services);¹² and
- the proposed Crisis Payment for humanitarian entrants to help address the financial hardship faced by families in their first weeks.¹³

1.10 The committee examined in detail the proposed citizenship test. Committee members asked officers if samples of the test's 'questions' published in the media were written and released by the government or DIAC. Officers told the committee that the citizenship test questions had not yet been framed, and therefore were not released by the government or DIAC.¹⁴

1.11 Additionally, committee members questioned officers on how the test will operate, examining DIAC on:

- who will administer the test;¹⁵
- costs for applicants;¹⁶ and
- the information booklet to accompany the proposed test.¹⁷

Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal

1.12 The committee questioned the Tribunals about:

- cost savings resulting from combining the administration of the Tribunals;¹⁸
- reductions in staff numbers¹⁹;
- the new case management system employed by the Tribunals²⁰; and
- the composition of the MRT caseload by visa class and factors affecting the composition of the caseload.²¹

¹² *Committee Hansard*, 22 May 2007, pp 30-34.

¹³ *Committee Hansard*, 22 May 2007, p. 33.

¹⁴ *Committee Hansard*, 22 May 2007, pp 51-52.

¹⁵ *Committee Hansard*, 22 May 2007, pp 60-64.

¹⁶ *Committee Hansard*, 22 May 2007, p. 51.

¹⁷ *Committee Hansard*, 22 May 2007, pp 57, 60.

¹⁸ *Committee Hansard*, 22 May 2007, p. 7.

¹⁹ *Committee Hansard*, 22 May 2007, pp 3-10.

²⁰ *Committee Hansard*, 22 May 2007, pp 10-12.

²¹ *Committee Hansard*, 22 May 2007, p. 13.

1.13 The committee sought information on the use of translation services in the RRT and MRT and heard that around 66 percent of MRT cases and 90 percent of RRT cases use translation services. These services are provided in over 90 languages.²²

1.14 The committee sought information on whether training and guidance for RRT members covers sexuality issues relating to refugees. Officers responded that these issues would be considered, particularly in the development of guidance on 'vulnerable persons' to be released later this year.²³

²² *Committee Hansard*, 22 May 2007, p. 16.

²³ *Committee Hansard*, 22 May 2007, pp 16-21.

CHAPTER 2

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S

PORTFOLIO

Introduction

2.1 This chapter summarises areas of interest and concern raised during the committee's consideration of the budget estimates for the Attorney-General's portfolio for the 2007-08 financial year.

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity

2.2 In its first appearance before the committee, ACLEI provided an overview of its current caseload. Officers told the committee 24 cases had been referred since ACLEI commenced operation on 30 December 2006. Officers also provided the committee with a breakdown on the progress of the cases, who referred them, and a broad outline of the issues involved in each case. The committee acknowledges the work of Professor McMillan in setting up ACLEI, and also looks forward to the appointment of a permanent Commissioner.

Australian Federal Police

2.3 The committee questioned the AFP in relation to matters including:

- recruitment to the AFP's International Deployment Group (IDG)¹;
- implementation of the recommendations of the *Wheeler Review into Airport Policing and Security* and, in particular, the difficulties state police forces were experiencing providing police for uniformed policing roles at airports²; and
- reasons for the delays in the development of the new AFP headquarters at ANZAC Park West.³

2.4 In response to questioning from the committee, officers advised the committee of progress made in recruiting officers to the AFP's IDG. The committee heard that like state police services, the AFP was experiencing difficulty in recruiting experienced police officers.⁴

1 Committee Hansard, 23 May 2007, pp 21-26.

2 Committee Hansard, 23 May 2007, pp 18-20.

3 Committee Hansard, 23 May 2007, pp 28-30.

4 Committee Hansard, 23 May 2007, p. 47.

2.5 The committee obtained an update on the three AFP investigations into weapons allegedly stolen from the Australian Defence Force (ADF). The AFP advised the committee that since the Additional Estimates round in February no additional cases of missing weapons had been referred to the AFP, and of the cases referred to the AFP, one was currently before the courts. The AFP also advised that in several cases it was working with the ADF to identify how many weapons (if any) had been stolen and their type.⁵

Attorney-General's Department

2.6 Changes in the outcome/output structure for AGD are outlined in appendix 5.

2.7 The committee examined the financial position of AGD, seeking detail on the \$13.1 million dollar expected surplus for the 2006-07 financial year.⁶ AGD provided the committee with a detailed breakdown of underspends in the department citing a range of factors contributing to the predicted surplus, including difficulty in recruiting staff. The committee also examined current and predicted expenditure of AGD on communication campaigns with officers tabling a document outlining the various campaigns and their costs.⁷

2.8 Senators sought details on security arrangements for the 2007 APEC forum. Officers told the committee that the government had allocated \$169.1 million since 2004 for APEC security, with \$78 million dollars of the total figure being provided as a supplementation for the New South Wales police force. With the remainder of the money being allocated to AGD, AFP, ASIO, the Department of Transport and Regional Services (DoTARS), the Department of Defence, and the Australian Customs Service (ACS).⁸

2.9 The committee continued its interest from previous estimates rounds in the case of Mr David Hicks.⁹ The committee heard a detailed breakdown of the costs involved in bringing Mr David Hicks back to Australia, with officers telling the committee that the charter flight to bring Mr Hicks back to Australia cost \$526,187. Officers explained why it was necessary to charter an aircraft, and the requirements for the aircraft itself which had contributed to the cost. Senators also obtained details on the prisoner transfer agreement between Australia and the United States and its operation.

5 *Committee Hansard*, 23 May 2007, pp 34-38.

6 *Committee Hansard*, 23 May 2007, pp 110-111.

7 *Committee Hansard*, 23 May 2007, pp 111-114.

8 *Committee Hansard*, 23 May 2007, pp 115-118.

9 *Committee Hansard*, 23 May 2007, pp 121-124.

Other agencies and themes

2.10 Detailed questioning of departments and agencies on expenditure, both past and predicted, was a consistent feature of the hearings. The committee questioned several agencies on their predicted underspends; seeking detail on the reasons for underspends, their amounts, and how underspends would be dealt with.

2.11 Committee members also questioned officers of the Family Court of Australia, Federal Court of Australia, High Court of Australia, Federal Magistrates Court on the accountability and oversight mechanisms for federal judges. Officers told the committee that there are a range of accountability mechanisms in place, with each court having its own procedures for dealing with misconduct, conflicts of interest and complaints.

2.12 The committee sought details from the courts and tribunals on the numbers of self represented litigants, with officers from all courts and tribunals telling the committee that there had been an increase in self represented litigants in recent years. Officers provided details on how registries managed self represented litigants, highlighting areas where procedures and staff training had been adapted to improve service and efficiency.

Procedural issues

2.13 During the committee's examination of the Officer of the Privacy Commissioner, committee members raised concerns about commonwealth agencies and departments citing privacy as a reason for not providing information. Committee members expressed concern that it may reduce the ability of the committee to scrutinise the activities of government.¹⁰

2.14 In response to question on notice 60 from the Additional Estimates round of February 2007, ACS provided a copy of two submissions made to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs which were accepted as confidential by that committee. As a matter of comity between the houses the committee resolved not to accept the submissions so as not to circumvent the decision of the House Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee in relation to them.

Senator Guy Barnett

Chair

10 *Committee Hansard*, 24 May 2007, pp 105-106.

APPENDIX 1

DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES UNDER THE TWO PORTFOLIOS FOR WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS OVERSIGHT

Immigration and Citizenship

- Department of Immigration and Citizenship;
- Migration Agents Registration Authority;
- Migration Review Tribunal; and
- Refugee Review Tribunal.

Attorney General

- Attorney-General's Department;
- Australian Federal Police;
- Australian Customs Service;
- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity;
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation;
- Australian Crime Commission;
- Australian Government Solicitor;
- Australian Law Reform Commission;
- Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre;
- CrimTrac;
- Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions;
- Copyright Agency Ltd;
- Family Court of Australia;
- Family Law Council;
- Federal Court of Australia;
- Federal Magistrates Court;
- High Court of Australia;
- Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission;
- Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia;
- National Native Title Tribunal;
- Office of Film and Literature Classification, Classification Board and Classification Review Board;

- Office of Parliamentary Counsel;
- Office of the Privacy Commissioner;
- Australasian Police Ministers' Council; and
- Audio-Visual Copyright Society Limited (Screenrights).

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- Correspondence between Australia Post and the Eros Association
- Answer to Senate question on notice no. 3160 from Senator Sherry
- Opening statement – Director-General of Security
- Attorney-General's Department, Public information campaigns financial overview
- Overview of APEC 2007 legislation

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- Federal Court of Australia, statistics - first instance matters under the Workplace Relations Act 1996 (May 2007)
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- Australian Federal Police
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APPENDIX 4

CHANGES TO OUTCOME/OUTPUT STRUCTURE

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

Outcome/Output	Previous Wording	Current Wording
Outcome 1	Contributing to Australia's society and its economic advancement through the lawful and orderly entry and stay of people	Contributing to Australia's society and its economic advancement through the lawful and orderly entry and stay of people
Output Group 1.1	Migration and Temporary Entry	Migration and Temporary Entry
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Output Group 1.7	-	Safe Haven
Output Group 1.8	-	Systems for People
Outcome 2	A society which values Australian Citizenship, appreciates cultural diversity and enable migrants to participate equitably	A society which values Australian Citizenship, appreciates cultural diversity and enables migrants to participate equitably
Output Group 2.1	Settlement Services	Settlement Services

Outcome/Output	Previous Wording	Current Wording
Output Group 2.2	Translating and Interpreting Services	Translating and Interpreting Services
Output Group 2.3	Australian Citizenship	Australian Citizenship
Output Group 2.4	Promoting the Benefits of Cultural Diversity	Promoting the Benefits of a United and Diverse Society
Output Group 2.5	-	Systems for People

APPENDIX 5

CHANGES TO OUTCOME/OUTPUT STRUCTURE

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Outcome/Output	Previous Wording	Current Wording
Outcome 1	An equitable and accessible system of federal civil justice	An equitable and accessible system of federal civil justice
Output 1.1	Legal services and policy advice on family law, federal courts and tribunals, civil procedure, alternative dispute resolution, administrative law and administration of related government programs	Legal services and policy advice on family law, federal courts and tribunals, civil procedure, alternative dispute resolution, administrative law and administration of related government programs
Output 1.2	Support for the Attorney-General as First Law Officer, advice on constitutional policy, and promotion of Australian legal services internationally	Support for the Attorney-General and First Law Officer, advice on constitutional policy, advice on personal insolvency advice and support for the administration of the National Classification Scheme, and promotion of Australian legal services internationally
Output 1.3	Legal Services and policy advice on information law and human rights	Legal Services and policy advice on information law and human rights
Output 1.4	Legal services and policy advice on international law	Legal services and policy advice on international law

Outcome/Output	Previous Wording	Current Wording
Output 1.5	Drafting of legislation and other instruments, maintenance of the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (FRLI), publication of legislative materials, and provision of related legal services	Drafting of legislation and other instruments, maintenance of the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (FRLI), publication of legislative materials, and provision of related legal services
Output 1.6	Legal services and policy advice on native title	Legal services and policy advice on native title
Output 1.7	Legal services and policy advice on Indigenous law and justice and legal assistance, and the administration of related Government programs	Legal services and policy advice on Indigenous law and justice and legal assistance, and the administration of related Government programs
Output 1.8	-	Legal services and policy advice on personal property securities law, and development of a national system for the registration and enforcement of personal property securities
Outcome 2	Coordinated federal criminal justice, security and emergency management activity, for a safer Australia	Coordinated federal criminal justice, security and emergency management activity, for a safer Australia
Output 2.1	Policy advice on, and program administration and regulatory activities associated with, the Commonwealth's domestic and international responsibilities for criminal justice and crime prevention, and meeting Australia's obligations in relation to extradition and mutual assistance	Policy advice on, and program administration and regulatory activities associated with, the Commonwealth's domestic and international responsibilities for criminal justice and crime prevention

Outcome/Output	Previous Wording	Current Wording
Output 2.2	National leadership and coordination of legal and policy advice on national security and counter-terrorism laws and critical infrastructure protection	Policy advice on, and program administration and regulatory activities associated with the Commonwealth's responsibilities for international criminal justice issues and meeting Australia's obligations for extradition and mutual assistance
Output 2.3	Provide national leadership in the development of emergency management measures to reduce risk to communities and manage the consequences of disasters	National leadership and coordination of legal and policy advice on national security and counter-terrorism laws and critical infrastructure protection
Output 2.4	Development and promotion of protective security policy advice and common standards and practices; the coordination of protective security services, including counter-terrorism and dignitary protection; the provision of security for special events; the development of counter-terrorism capabilities; and the coordination of national security crisis and information through the Watch Officer and National Security Hotline	Provide national leadership in development of emergency management measures to reduce risk to communities and manage the consequences of disasters

Outcome/Output	Previous Wording	Current Wording
Output 2.5	-	Development and promotion of protective security policy advice and common standards and practices; the coordination of protective security services, including counter-terrorism and dignitary protection; the provision of security for special events; the development of counter-terrorism capabilities; and the coordination of national security crisis and information through the Watch Officer and National Security Hotline
Output 2.6	-	Provide a fast, fair and reliable background checking service