

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Hurley asked:

DIMA annual report 2004-2005 p.175, states the department is redeveloping and upgrading the technology of the database and its reporting facilities to improve useability of the reports and data.

- What technology is being used to upgrade the database and how is redevelopment progressing?

Answer:

The main improvements made relate to upgrades in the reporting facility, both internal and external.

The external Settlement Reporting Facility (SRF) has been developed to produce statistical reports from the Settlement Database for external users. Users can access the SRF via the internet and this facility is currently available to all members of the public.

It can be found at:

<http://www.settlement.immi.gov.au/settlement/enterSelectReport.do>.

Reports can be produced in either Microsoft Excel or Word formats.