

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(117) Output 2.3: Australian Citizenship

Senator Ludwig asked:

What is the estimated cost of travel for Departmental officials to conduct/oversee citizenship tests in regional centres both in the initial stages following the introduction of the test and in subsequent years?

Answer:

The additional resourcing provided to DIAC through the 2006-07 Additional Estimates process is for the 2006-07 financial year only. The allocation does not include the cost of travel for DIAC officials to oversee the tests. Funding for this component will be considered in the context of the 2007-08 Budget.