

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 FEBRUARY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(85) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Ellison asked:

Has the Government identified and proposing to increase funding, locations and other measures to increase the availability of English classes under the Adult Migrant Education Program?

Answer:

As part of its election platform, the Government committed \$49.2 million to teach English and build pathways to employment.

A formal review of the AMEP has commenced and is expected to be completed by August 2008.

All aspects of the program, including funding, service delivery locations and the availability of English classes, will be considered.

The outcomes of the review will be used to inform the development of Request for Tender for the AMEP Tender Process.