

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 FEBRUARY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(89) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Ellison asked:

Does the translating service provide any services for trade unions or are they required to pay for services?

Answer:

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) funds a free interpreting service through the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) National to enable communication between non-English speaking Australian citizens or permanent residents, and approved individuals and organisations. Trade unions are eligible for free interpreting services when responding to members' enquires or requests.