

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006**

### **IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**

#### **(2) Output: Internal Product**

Senator Ludwig (L&C 26) asked:

How many sites will document readers be rolled out to? How many document readers are being rolled out?

*Answer:*

Passport readers will be rolled out to 12 State and Territory offices later this year. The information stored in the passport machine readable zone will be automatically captured and entered into departmental systems. This will assist staff with granting or evidencing a visa more rapidly with improved data accuracy.

168 passport readers will be rolled out in a staged approach to Client Service counters in 12 State and Territory offices.