QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 MAY 2007

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(10) Output: Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (L&CA 22) asked:

An answer to question No. 19 of February 2002 said that a cost benefit analysis was undertaken in April 2002 to identify the savings that could be achieved with the implementation of an online recruitment model and that, as a result of this analysis, the department introduced an online e-recruitment system in May 2004. What savings eventuated from that?

Answer:

The 2002 cost benefit analysis anticipated first year net savings to be in the vicinity of \$320,804 with subsequent year savings increasing to \$339,804. Based on these figures the department has saved approximately 1.5 million since implementation.

The department has not undertaken a subsequent audit to determine whether these savings were realised.