

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(122) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Hurley (L&CA 45) asked:

In relation to the SPP, so until now has there never been a question of reaching the cap?

Answer:

In 2004-05 and 2005-06, payments to AMEP service providers for the Special Preparatory Programme (SPP) were less than the SPP allocation. The Department monitors the SPP workloads of AMEP contractors and, following discussion with the providers, re-distributes the available funding amongst providers ensuring SPP tuition is available where there is demand.