

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 28 - 29 MAY 2008**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(52) Output 1.5: Detention**

Senator Ellison (L&CA 3) asked:

In relation to the projected decrease in the number of illegal foreign fishers, what is the projected difference?

*Answer:*

In the 2007-2008 financial year the projected apprehension numbers for illegal foreign fishing vessels was set at 250 vessels with an average of 6.4 crew per vessel. These figures have been revised for the 2008-2009 financial year to 150 illegal foreign fishing vessels carrying an average of 9.5 crew per vessel.