

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 29 May 2008**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(62) Output 2.2: Translating and Interpreting Services**

Senator Ellison (L&CA 17) asked:

Does the funding allocated in this year's budget provide an increase in payments for translators and interpreters for the jobs that they do?

*Answer:*

This funding does not provide for an increase in payments for interpreters.

TIS National, however, has recently reviewed its remuneration for contracted interpreters over the past two years and as a result will implement an annual adjustment in contractor payments based on the CPI rate in the preceding calendar year. Contractors will be receiving a 3 per cent increase in payments from 1 July 2008.