

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(165) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Ludwig asked:

In how many cases has the Finance Minister been approached directly, without going through the Parliamentary Secretary?

- (a) In how many cases have those debt cancellation waivers been granted?
- (b) Does the Finance Minister make the decision in those cases, or only make a recommendation to the Parliamentary Secretary?
- (c) What are the reasons given for approaching the Finance Minister rather than the Parliamentary Secretary?

Answer:

All requests for debt waivers received by DIMIA are forwarded to the Department of Finance and Administration's Special Financial Claims and Land Policy Branch.

No debt waiver requests have been forwarded by DIMIA directly to the Finance Minister.

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Not applicable