

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(171) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. How much funding does the Department provide to the Identity Checking Unit? Could the Department provide figures for 00-01-02-03-04-05?
2. Are any Departmental staff seconded to the Identity Checking Unit?
 - If so, how many and how long have they been seconded?

Answer:

1. The Australian Government provided AUD200,000 in November 2002 and AUD100,000 in June 2005 to support the establishment and operation of the IDCU.
2. There have never been any Departmental officers seconded to the IDCU.