

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

### **(173) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law**

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Does the department make a determination each year on what is an acceptable or inevitable number of detained persons who will later be found to be lawful?
2. If the Department accepts that it will detain individuals who will later be found to be lawful- does the department include possible compensation payments into its budget projections? If yes, what is the figure?

*Answer:*

1. No.
2. No. Circumstances may arise from time to time where a person taken into immigration detention may later be determined to be a lawful non-citizen or to have become lawful. Any payments which might be made to any individuals in these circumstances would be considered on a case by case basis as they arise. The department does not include in its budget projections, provision for funds for people in these circumstances.