

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

**(208) Output 2.1: Settlement Services**

Senator Hurley asked:

Does the department publish and distribute research reports and associated teaching and learning materials?

*Answer:*

The Department contracts the AMEP Research Centre to provide these services referred to in Questions 205, 206, 208 and 219. The AMEP Research Centre is a consortium of the National Centre for English Language Teaching and Research (NCELTR) at Macquarie University in Sydney, and the Institute for Education at La Trobe University in Melbourne.

The AMEP Research Centre's main functions are:

- Research into language and literacy education
- Professional development for teachers and program managers, including the design, conduct and evaluation of national conferences
- Library and information services
- Publication of research and teaching and learning materials
- Consultancy services
- Promotion of the AMEP within the TESOL community