

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(28) Output 1.1: Non-Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Bartlett (L&C 56-57) asked:

Do you have any idea what the estimated or assumed financial impact would be of any sort of increase in the non-contributory category? I recall when all of this was being discussed some time ago that there were suggestions about allowing certain numbers in various categories and that budgetary approval would be required. Are there any figures as to what the deemed cost would be?

Answer:

Based on the Australian Government Actuary 2002 report "Introduction of a New Category of Parent Migration – Model costs", an ongoing increase of 500 places in the non-contributory parent category could be expected to cost around \$1 billion in net present value terms. This estimate does not make any allowance for clawback from taxes paid by this group or other contributions made to the economy and the community more generally.