

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(309) Output 3.2: Services for Indigenous Australians

Senator Evans asked:

Can the Department confirm that the lease payments will not be paid from funds from the ABA?

Answer:

Until the scheme is self financing all reasonable costs will be met from the Aboriginals Benefit Account, subject to consultation with the ABA Advisory Committee. This includes lease payments to Traditional Owners. Over time sub-lease rental payments are expected to cover the costs of the scheme including the lease payments.