

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(126) Output 1.1 Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Carr (L&CA written) asked:

You say, with regard to calculating the MSL, “The detailed methodology is a matter for DEWR.”

Does it follow from this that “the detailed methodology” is a matter for the Workplace Minister? Does the Workplace Minister sign off on the MSL each year?

Answer:

The Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations is advised by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations in relation to the calculation of the MSL. Gazette notices effecting the MSL are signed by the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs based on advice from the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.