

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(184) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Crossin (L&CA 7) asked:

In terms of the litigation brought against the department, are you able to give me a list of the individual payments or at least the issue to which a payment against the department was made?

Answer:

During the 2005-06 financial year, our records indicate that there were 532 matters where the Department has had to pay applicants' costs. Costs were paid in the matters in the following categories.

Category	Total
Bridging visas	5
Business	23
Character	14
Damages	2
Deportation	2
Detention	6
Family	68
Migration Agents	2
Other	3
Refugee	331
Skilled	14
Special eligibility	14
Students	42
Visitors	6
Total	532

This compares to 385 matters in the 2004-05 financial year. This increase is due to the large number of matters remitted back to the tribunals as a result of the decision of the Full Federal Court in *SZEEU v MIMA*.