

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(207) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Crossin asked:

What is the year-to-date cost of litigation as well as a breakdown of areas of litigation, the success rates of litigation and the total cost and total recovery through sanctions? [*PBS DIMA p48, 2006-07 estimate \$45.3m for Dept Appropriations, \$13.7m 'other resources'*]

Answer:

The cost of litigation for the period 1 July 2006 to 31 October 2006 was \$9.7m.

The breakdown of matters resolved in the period 1 July 2006 to 31 October 2006 is:

FMC	FC	FFC	HC	OTHER	AAT	TOTAL
1,004	34	282	109	4	91	1,524

For the period 1 July 2006 to 31 October 2006 the Department has had a win/loss ratio of defended matters before the Courts and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal of 92%.

For the period 1 July 2006 to 31 October 2006 the Courts ordered costs in favour of the Minister in 1,047 matters which totalled \$4m.

For the period 1 July 2006 to 31 October 2006 the Department has recovered \$0.9m in legal debts.