QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(208) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Crossin asked:

How many cases of litigation against the Department were not related to a departmental decision, but rather an action or because of a department action? For instance, wrongful detention or assault while under the care of DIMA.

Answer:

During the period 1 July 2005 to 1 November 2006 the Department was a party to 31 cases of litigation that were not related to a departmental decision, but rather an action or because of Department action.