

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(374) Program: Internal Product

Senator Barnett asked:

Which 2007 election commitments are experiencing slippages? Why? Where relevant, what are the revised implementation dates? What are the implications of this slippage?

Answer:

The following table highlights the two 2007 election commitments which have experienced slippages:

Election Commitment	Slippage
Contribution to the construction of a multicultural centre in Mirrabooka (City of Stirling, WA).	Originally scheduled for completion by June 2010, the facility is to be delivered in partnership with the City of Stirling council. Additional budget processes and subsequent negotiations with the council delayed the signing of the contract. Completion is expected in 2012-13. Funding for the project is \$1.0 million in 2010-11; \$0.220 million in 2011-12; and \$0.420 million in 2012-13). Contract signed on 3 September 2010.
Bringing Aussie Musicians Centre Stage - to adjust visa settings to require certain international touring productions to employ at least one local band or artist as a support act.	This election commitment is in progress. Stakeholder comments on the discussion paper released by the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DEWHA) closed in February 2010. The Department is working with the Office for the Arts regarding issues raised in their consultation and are finalising the parameters of the proposed scheme for Government consideration.