

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

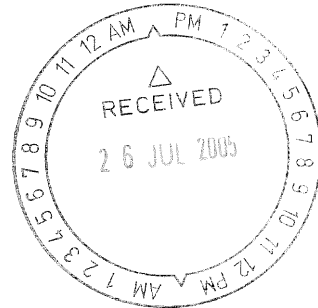
**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates, 31 May to 2 June 2005

**Question: Bud 51**

**Topic: APRA - Translate**

**Hansard Page: Written**



Senator Ludwig asked:

A follow-up to a question Senator Ludwig asked in December ...

Regarding the employees that your department or agency has identified as having:

- a) fluency
- b) accredited translator
- c) accredited interpreter

Of these employees, please indicate what the department is doing in order to make full use of its employees skills in this regard, and please provide a breakdown of this between employees whose accreditation was paid for by the department and those whose were not?

Answer:

APRA has a very diverse workforce with around 25% of its staff from a non-English speaking background. APRA has a high level of involvement with delegations and visitations from abroad, many from non-English speaking countries. Many APRA staff with language fluencies regularly participate in these events as translators and/or interpreters. If necessary, APRA would pay accreditation costs but to date has not had to do so.