

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates, 31 May to 2 June 2005

Question: Bud 53

Topic: ACCC - Translate

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Senator Ludwig asked:

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:

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commissioner does not have, on its staff, accredited translators or accredited interpreters.

Some 15 staff members are fluent in a foreign language, and the ACCC keeps a register of those with language skills. These employees may be called upon to assist in incidental ways with foreign language materials or visiting foreign officials.