

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

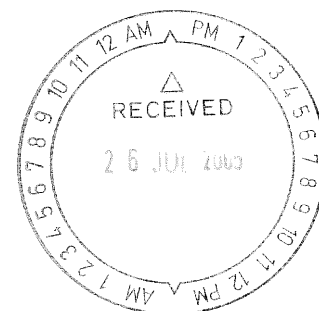
Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates, 31 May to 2 June 2005

Question: Bud 52

Topic: Productivity Commission - Translate

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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:

Twelve employees have self identified as having a fluency in a language other than English. Occasionally these employees offer their services for unofficial, short translation or interpreting tasks. If formal services are required a professional service is engaged.