

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
TREASURY
Australian Taxation Office
(Supplementary Budget Estimates November 2004)

Outcome 2, Output 2.2.1

Topic: Cost of engaging language/interpreter

Supplementary question on notice: 18

Senator **Ludwig** asked:

- a) How much did the department spend engaging language a) translator and
b) interpreter level in each of the financial years i) 2001-02, ii) 2002-03,
iii) 2003-04?

Answer:

The ATO promotes and uses the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS), which is administered through the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

The following table shows the cost in relation to translators and interpreters:

YEAR	Cost of translator	Cost of interpreter
2001-2002	\$222,112	\$3,417
2002-2003	\$346,574	\$2,365
2003-2004,	\$492,041	\$3,628

These costings have been provided by the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.