

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

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Question: F76

Output: General, Outcome: General

Topic: Language Proficiency

Written Question on Notice: 6 June 2005

Senator Ludwig asked:

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

1. Regarding the employees that your department or agency identified as having
 - a) Fluency
 - b) Accredited translator
 - c) Accredited interpreter
2. 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 we paid for by the department and those whose were not?

Answer:

There are no processes or records in place to identify the language proficiency of employees of the Department of Finance and Administration in languages other than English.

The Department does not identify or maintain records of employees with accreditation at the a) fluency b) translator or c) interpreter level. The Department does not pay any allowance related to these skills.