Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Budget Estimates Hearings 2005-2006, 23 and 24 May 2005

Question: PM 62

Outcome 1, Output

Topic: Multicultural / diversity issues

Hansard Page: Written 2 December 2004

Senator Ludwig asked: A follow-up to a question Senator Ludwig asked in December (PM 4):

- 1. Regarding the employees that your department or agency has identified as having:
- a) fluency
- b) accredited translator
- c) accredited interpreter

The Department does not identify employees as having fluency, accredited translator or accredited interpreter skills.

2. Of these employees, please indicate what the department is doing in order to make full use of its employees 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.

Not applicable.