

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Australian Public Service Commission

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Question: PM 64

Topic: Multicultural/Diversity Issues

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

1. Regarding the employees that your department or agency has 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 was paid for by the department and those whose were not?

Answer:

The APS Commission does not determine the language proficiency of its staff in languages other than English, does not determine whether staff have accreditation and has not paid for any staff to be accredited as interpreters or translators.