

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(115) Output 2.3: Australian Citizenship

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Can DIAC provide a breakdown of the estimated cost for the introduction of the proposed citizenship test?
Including systems development, the cost of the citizenship and values task force, contractors and consultants, communication campaign associated with the introduction of the test, and any increase in application and processes leading up to the introduction of the test.
2. Can the Department confirm whether 'systems development' captures the costs of development of software?
3. Is the IT project looking at the software that is available for the purposes of the citizenship test, within the budgeted \$18 million?

Answer:

1. Please see the response to Senator Hurley's question number 109.
2. The \$7.502 million allocated to IT costs associated with development of the citizenship test includes funding in 2006-07 for the integration of software into the DIAC IT environment.
3. The additional resourcing of \$18.6 million provided to DIAC through the 2006-07 Additional Estimates process includes funding to develop software to support the citizenship test.