QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 12 February 2007

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(17) Output: Internal Product

Senator Parry (L&CA 15) asked:

Do you know the cost of the running of the Values and Conduct unit and also the external advice, consultancy or investigations that are conducted?

Answer:

The allocated budget for the Values and Conduct Section for the current 2006-07 financial year is \$1,154,996.

The Values and Conduct Section often has a requirement to obtain external legal advice and at times engages consultants to conduct investigations.

In the financial year to date, the Section has expended the following amounts on these services:

External Legal Advice: \$72, 269.50 External Consultancy: \$59, 345.61