

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 12 February 2007**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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Senator Ludwig asked:

1. What industry or vocational training standard is the training material aligned with for the College of Immigration?
2. When will the tender process for the College partnership be complete?
3. How much will the Department have expended before the tender goes to market? How much of this relates to consultancy expenditure?
4. When is the partnership expected to be operational? Does the Department foreshadow that this date may not be met? If so, for what reasons?

*Answer:*

1. As at 16 March 2007 College training material is not accredited. It has been designed in accordance with best practice training design and the Australian Quality Training Framework. It will be a requirement of the new College partner that courses be accredited under the VET and Higher Education streams of the Australian Qualifications Framework
2. As at 16 March 2007, the Tender is expected to be released in late March 2007 with the Tender closing in late April 2007. The evaluation should conclude late May 2007 with contract negotiation and contract signature in June 2007.
3. The Department has expended \$310,311.61. Of this amount \$68,762.31 was spent on consultants.
4. The partnership is expected to be operational from August 2007 with training delivery planned to commence in February 2008, subject to contract negotiations as expected.