

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 12 February 2007

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(91) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Ludwig (L&CA 78) asked:

In relation to the quarantined item for illegal fishers, what was the amount and how is it held in the accounts more generally?

Answer:

In the 2006-07 Budget, DIAC was funded \$27.849 million to cover the detention and subsequent removal of approximately 6000 illegal foreign fishers flowing from the apprehension of an estimated 717 illegal fishing boats.

As a result of further measures to combat illegal fishing introduced in the 2006-07 Budget, there has been a reduction in illegal fishing, with a consequential reduction in apprehensions. This has resulted in a reduction in funding requirements for DIAC for this activity, leading to a revised cost estimate of \$19.455 million at Additional Estimates 2006-07.