

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 FEBRUARY 2008**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

### **(44) Output: Internal Product**

Senator Ellison asked:

- (1) How did the Minister receive his cabinet documents for the first cabinet meeting?
- (2) How many staff had received and been approved with a cabinet security clearance?

*Answer:*

- (1) The Cabinet documents were hand delivered to the Minister personally by the Cabinet Secretariat in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
- (2) At the time of the first Cabinet Meeting held on 6 December 2007, the two Departmental Liaison Officers in the Minister's Office and two other DIAC staff working temporarily in the Minister's Office, held the appropriate clearance to handle Cabinet-In-Confidence material.