

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 FEBRUARY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(75) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Ellison asked:

Has the department or the government established any reviews or taken any steps with employers, unions and the under-employed to address under employment of migrants?

Answer:

Responsibility for the employment of all unemployed and underemployed people, including migrants and humanitarian entrants, rests with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The Department is currently reviewing the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) to reflect a greater focus on English for employment purposes.

The review of the AMEP is expected to be completed by August 2008.