

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(83) Output 2.1: Settlement Services**

Senator Ellison asked:

Is the government considering any new programs or changes to existing programs to improve the availability and integration of Commonwealth-funded migrant settlement services, focusing on the newly arrived and those in greatest need?

*Answer:*

The Department is committed to working across government to ensure that settlement and mainstream services are responsive to the needs of new arrivals.