

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 FEBRUARY 2009

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (21) Output: Internal Product

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&CA 63) asked:

Provide statistics on costs associated with litigation where applicants are unsuccessful.

*Answer:*

The Department invoices clients when costs are awarded by the courts.

The table below shows all litigation debts raised, outstanding, written off and reversed for the 2008-09 financial year to the end of February.

The opening and closing balances provide a snapshot of the total position for litigation debts owed to the Commonwealth as at 28 February 2009.

The opening balance is made up of all invoices raised in previous years, which have not been written off, waived or otherwise adjusted, less the amount already paid, as at 1 July 2008. Receipts, write-offs, adjustments, reversals and waivers may relate to both previous years as well as current year debts.

#### LITIGATION COSTS

	1 Jul 08 - 28 Feb 09	
	\$	Volume
<b>Opening Balance 1.07.08</b>	\$12,870,536.71	
<b>Debt Raised</b>	\$6,868,914.86	1,833
<b>Receipts</b>	-\$1,507,921.24	4,099
<b>Write-offs</b>	-\$9,614,012.80	2,360
<b>Waivers</b>	-\$80,006.85	6
<b>Credits Adjustments</b>	-\$223,601.86	91
<b>Reversals</b>	-\$270,359.18	84
<b>Other</b>	\$459.34	3
<b>Closing Balance 28.02.09</b>	\$8,044,008.98	