

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

### **(3) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Barnett (L&C 7) asked:

What redundancy amount has been paid to date to the former CEO of the MARA?

*Answer:*

The Department engaged an accountancy firm to audit the former Migration Agents Registration Authority.

According to the final report of that audit the income statement of the former MARA includes an amount of \$105,827 as redundancy expenses for the Chief Executive Officer.

The amount of redundancy payment made to the CEO is disputed by the Commonwealth. Unless resolved by negotiation the dispute will go to formal arbitration under the terms of the Deed of Agreement between the Commonwealth and the Migration Institute of Australia for services provided as the MARA.