

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0174) PROGRAM – OMARA

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Does the Office of the MARA publish an annual profit and loss statement as part of its annual report? If not, why not? When the Office of the MARA was a division of the Migration Institute of Australia, was a profit and loss statement published as part of the annual report? What is the Authority's operating result in terms of a surplus or a deficit for each of the last 5 financial years?

Answer:

Each year the Department of Immigration and Citizenship prepares financial statements in accordance with the Finance Minister's Orders made under the Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997. The financial transactions relating to the Office of the MARA are included in the department's financial results. While not separately required for audit purposes, the revenue and expenditure relating to the Office of the MARA is separately monitored and an income statement is provided in each of the Authority's annual reports.

When the former MARA was operated by the Migration Institute of Australia, their annual reports also included an income statement.

The results for the last 5 years are set out in the table below:

Year	2007/8	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Appropriation			\$6,407,000	\$5,835,000	\$5,852,000
Other revenue	\$5,647,000	\$5,814,000	\$ 21,000		\$ 11,000
Expenses	\$3,903,000	\$5,597,000	\$6,402,000	\$5,730,000	\$6,178,000
Net P/L	\$1,744,000	\$ 217,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 105,000	-\$ 315,000