

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 May 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(256) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Hurley (L&C 13) asked:

Were there any guidelines for what might happen if the winning tenderers were not ready for the start-up date?

Answer:

The Risk Management Plan for the tender process anticipated that current arrangements in some locations might need to be extended should timeframes for selecting preferred tenderers and negotiating contracts be significantly delayed.