

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Mason asked:

With respect to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (the Department) in the last calendar year or financial year you have records for what is the total number of days of sick leave and unscheduled leave taken by the Department's employees? Over the same period, what was the average number of days of sick leave and unscheduled leave taken per Full Time Equivalent employee of the Department?

*Answer:*

Unscheduled leave taken by the Department's employees during the 2005 calendar year equated to 522,189 hours or 70,376 days. Sick leave for the 2005 calendar year (with medical certificate and without) equated to 369,380 hours or 49,781 days. The average number of days of sick leave was 8.2 days per full time equivalent employee (as at 31 December 2005), the average number of unscheduled leave taken per full time equivalent employee was 11.6 days per employee (as at 31 December 2005).