

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 28 MAY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(6) Output: Internal Product

Senator Ellison (L&CA 13-14) asked:

If I might come then to the efficiency dividend. I have put that one question on notice in relation to the efficiency initiatives. I understand you are still working on the efficiency dividend. Perhaps you can take that question on notice. I understand you are deciding where to apply that, Mr Metcalfe, but when that decision is made, if that detail could be provided to the committee I would be grateful

Answer:

See the answer to the similar question no. 5 in respect of the increased efficiency dividend asked by Senator Ellison.

The reduction by program and output over the forward estimates as provisionally calculated at the time of the 2007-08 Additional Estimates is reported in the answer to the previous question no. 5. The final application of the efficiency dividend against the respective programs and outputs will not be known until the final resourcing for 2008-09 is determined following reconciliation of actual 2007-08 work levels in accordance with the department's resource agreement with the Department of Finance and Deregulation. The final allocation may vary slightly from that determined in the 2007-08 Additional Estimates as the budget for programs and outputs is reallocated and reconfigured to meet emerging priorities and operational requirements of the Department. This may not be known until the second quarter of 2008-09.