

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 MAY 2009**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

### **(61) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees**

Senator Humphries asked:

Has the department accessed Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) advice in framing its Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) regulations? If so, what advice was accessed?

*Answer:*

As part of the review of the AMEP, the Department consulted widely through nationwide focus groups and a publicly released discussion paper. The feedback obtained through the consultation process, including from the TESOL sector, was considered and informed the review. In addition, the AMEP Review Steering Committee included Ingrid Piller, Professor of Applied Linguistics at Macquarie University and the Executive Director of the AMEP Research Centre as a member.