

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 MAY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(90) Program 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

How many reports has the Department specifically commissioned or received since December 2007 of tensions and/or violence within ethnic communities residing in Australia? Please detail the nature of such reports by date and country of origin.

Answer:

No reports have been specifically commissioned since December 2007. The Department commissioned a research project in March 2007 titled *'Tapping the Pulse of Youth in Cosmopolitan South-Western and Western Sydney: A Pilot Study 2007'* which aimed to provide insights into the attitudes, aspirations and social relations of multicultural youth in Sydney. This included in part, community relations issues associated with the Cronulla beach riots of December 2005. The results of that research will be released shortly.