

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 - 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0116) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Provide details of how the \$5.9 million the Government has allocated over four years to reform the application process for permanent Skilled Migration applicants will be spent?

*Answer:*

The \$5.9 million (approximately) allocated over the next four program years has solely been attributed towards the successful development and deployment of the Skilled Migrant Selection Model.

Of the \$5.9 million that has been allocated, \$4.0 million will be attributed towards system development of the Model, and an additional \$1.9 million towards the facilitation of a full composite of staff to allow for the successful delivery of the Model by 1 July 2012 (along with its ongoing maintenance post release).