

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0764) Program 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services**

Senator Mark Furner (written) asked:

To date, has there been any progress in establishing the AMC and when do you expect the new council to be established?

*Answer:*

The Government agreed that members of the new Australian Multicultural Council (AMC) will be selected using a similar process to that used to appoint members to the boards of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and the Special Broadcasting Service.

An Independent Nomination Panel was agreed by Senator the Hon Kate Lundy Parliamentary Secretary for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs in May 2011. Advertisements for the AMC chair, deputy chair and council members were published in both the national and ethnic press and on the Department of Immigration and Citizenship website in May 2011.

The Nomination Panel is in the process of interviewing AMC candidates. It is anticipated that the AMC will be announced around mid-2011, and commence its work from that time.