

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

**(213) Output 2.1: Settlement Services**

Senator Hurley asked:

In relation to new and emerging communities what is NAATI's position at the moment in terms of training interpreters and translators to assist new arrivals from the new and emerging communities in response to recommendation 53 of the report of the review of settlement services for migrants and humanitarian entrants in 2003, p290.

*Answer:*

NAATI is not an agency of DIMIA. It is a company limited by guarantee operating in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*. The Commonwealth and State/Territory Ministers responsible for multicultural and/or ethnic affairs are the Members of NAATI. NAATI is managed by a Board of Directors who exercise all the powers of the Company, as authorised by law, and the NAATI Constitution including making decisions on NAATI processes, accreditation and testing standards, administrative procedures, and quality control measures.

As a member of NAATI, the Commonwealth provides funding to NAATI in accordance with the NAATI Funding Agreement 2003 – 2006.