

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(216) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Hurley asked:

On what grounds does NAATI deem it fit to award recognition to its interpreters and translators.

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.