

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(218) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Hurley asked:

In reply to a Mr Rakesh Sani, Kay Templeton assistant ombudsman in New South Wales, states in a letter dated 29 April 2004 that “the ombudsman has received approval to prepare proposals for amendments intended to modernise the act and proposal to bring NAATI within jurisdiction will be considered by government as part of that process. Amendments may be drafted and enacted later this year”

- What is the government decision to bring NAATI within jurisdiction based on the ombudsman act of 1976?
- Has the amendments mentioned in the letter been drafted?
- When do you expect it to be enacted?

Answer:

Matters concerning the *Ombudsman's Act 1976* fall within the responsibility of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. Questions relating to the *Ombudsman's Act 1976* should be referred to that Department.