

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

#### IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

#### (236) Output 2.4: Promoting the Benefits of Cultural Diversity

Senator Hurley asked:

According to DIMIA's annual report 2003-2004, the formation of the Muslim women's forum was organised by DIMIA.

- a. When was this forum formed
- b. Where was it held
- c. When was it held
- d. Who is in the management committee
- e. What was the selection process for the committee
- f. Are all states represented
- g. How much in funding did they receive 2003-2004?
- h. Did the funding include travel expenses? If yes please provide cost of travel
- i. Which program did they undertake to demonstrate enhanced community relation?  
(P123 DIMIA annual report, See Appendix 25)

*Answer:*

- a-c. The forum was a one-off consultative function held on 25 June 2004, in Sydney.
- d. Multicultural Affairs Branch in the Citizenship, Settlement and Multicultural Affairs Division of DIMIA organized the forum in consultation with the then Office of the Status of Women.
- e. Not applicable.
- f. Participants from every State and Territory attended the forum.
- g-h. Funding to participants covered the costs of their fares and accommodation to attend the forum. The cost of their fares and accommodation was \$10,018.
- i. The forum contributed to the development of mutual understanding and support among Australian women through providing an opportunity for Muslim women to identify issues of concern and to link with other non-Muslim women's organisations.