

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(297) Output 3.2: Services for Indigenous Australians

Senator Siewert asked:

In terms of work carried out under Output 3.1 (providing advice on Indigenous Policy issues), can you describe the nature of the advice provided to the Minister on reforms to the *Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976* aimed at streamlining exploration and mining development?

Answer:

Departmental officials do not comment on policy advice. The reforms in question were announced by the Minister on 18 November 2005.