

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(68) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Crossin (L&C 73) asked:

Are the financial penalties against the department through settlements or court orders taken from consolidated revenue or from the department's budget?

Answer:

Where the Minister is ordered to pay costs following judicial review of a visa decision, the funds are drawn from the department's budget. Where the matter involves a claim for damages any financial penalties will generally be the responsibility of the department's insurers.