

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(80) Output: 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Kirk (L&C 93) asked:

In relation to the 15 instances in which visiting psychologists providing services at Christmas Island and Baxter detention centres had failed to comply with local registration requirements, what is the size or the quantum of what I assume is a fine or compensation that they are required to pay in those circumstances?

Answer:

Global Solutions Limited (GSL) was sanctioned to forfeit the sum of \$60,000. The psychologists involved are fully registered with professional boards in the other Australian states where they usually work, and consulted only for short periods at Baxter and Christmas Island Immigration Detention Facilities. The 15 instances refer to the number of consulting sessions, not the number of psychologists.