

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006**

**IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**

**(10) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry**

Senator Nettle (L&C 12) asked:

Has the department received any request from Pacific island nations to take people because those countries are going under water as a result of climate change?

*Answer:*

The Department is aware of a proposal made in 2002 by a Pacific Island nation. The issue has been raised in media commentary on a number of occasions.