QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(132) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Carr asked:

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On 22 May the Department (Mr Rizvi) took on notice a question about a MINTRAC investigation into a South Australian meat industry employer. The investigation was into the skill levels of 457 visa holders working for the company. I asked for a copy of the report on the matter and the Department took that on notice.

Have you provided that MINTRAC report to the Committee? If so, on what date? If not, why not? When will it be provided?

Answer:

That report has not yet been provided to the committee as that would be unfair to the company for two reasons:

- the report contains details of the company's operations that would be inappropriate to put in the public domain; and
- as all relevant meat companies have been required to undergo a similar audit, releasing the report on one company ahead of the audits of other companies would be inappropriate.