

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**

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

Senator Ludwig asked:

Provide the total cost of sponsor compliance with the 457 visa for 2005-2006 and projected cost for 2006-2007, 2007-2008.

*Answer:*

Caseload staffing numbers fluctuate in response to programme use. On the 30 October 2006 the Minister announced additional resources for Subclass 457 monitoring and compliance resulting in an additional 27 staff to be engaged in 2006-07 including 5 investigators.