

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**

**(153) Output 1.1 Migration and Temporary Entry**

Senator Ludwig (L&CA written) asked:

Following a referral of a 457 Temporary Business (Long Stay) sponsor by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) to another government agency for investigation of non-compliance with government legislation does DIMA ultimately take responsibility for ensuring that visa sponsor is investigated for compliance?

*Answer:*

DIMA is continuing to work closely with relevant government agencies to ensure that 457 visa allegations are investigated and addressed. The department is, however, unable to enforce legislation within the portfolio responsibility of other agencies.