

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

### **(37) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry**

Senator Crossin (L&CA 49) asked:

Some 15 years ago— and, Minister, you may well remember this because you were in opposition—we had a situation in the Northern Territory in the trade development zone with a Chinese company called Hengyang textiles. Their workers were also on contract with a labour firm in China. The terms of that contract sound very similar to the terms of the contract that Senator Carr read. Is there any way that your department could ascertain if in fact there is any similarity between the contracts that were used then and now?

*Answer:*

The materials on this would be contained in files that have been archived. Retrieving and analysing this material would represent an unreasonable diversion of resources.