

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(71) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Crossin asked:

What is the current Minimum Salary Level? Is this still \$41,850? What is the level for the NT? Are there different levels struck for Darwin and the rest of the NT if so what are these?

Answer:

- a) The Standard Minimum Salary Level (MSL) is currently \$41,850 per annum.
- b) The Northern Territory is classified as a regional or low population growth area of Australia for the purpose of the Subclass 457 programme. Employers in the Northern Territory can therefore apply to access a concession to the standard MSL where the Northern Territory Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development (the Regional Certifying Body with coverage for applications in the Northern Territory) has certified the applications. The regional MSL is currently \$37,665 per annum
- c) There is no difference in MSL between Darwin and any other locations in the Northern Territory.