QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(110) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Please provide statistics on the cost of services provided to each ethnic group on a per capita basis for the past 5 years.

Answer.

The Department does not have data that would allow this question to be answered.

The Department funds a number of settlement programs including the Adult Migrant English Program, Settlement Grants Program, the Integrated Humanitarian Strategy Scheme, the Diverse Australia Program and the National Action Plan.

Each these programs provides funding to assist with the provision of settlement services but they are not provided ion the basis of ethnicity. It is not possible to disaggregate the funding by ethnicity.