

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(8) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Barnett (L&CA 26) asked:

What was the cost incurred under the previous MARA for the website establishment?

Answer:

The Department does not have access to the detailed breakdown of the former MARA's financial records that would be required to answer this question precisely.

However, the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) 2008-2009 Annual Report, tabled in Parliament on 27 October 2009, shows the MARA's internet expenditure for last financial year was \$275 081, up from \$50 937 in 2007-2008. The Department understands that this increase was almost wholly due to the establishment of the website.