

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(437) Program: Internal Product

Senator Barnett asked:

(1) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?

(2) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

Answer:

(1) The Department has not received claims for interest by business in the current or previous financial year.

(2) No interest was paid in the current or previous financial year.