

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE – LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**INQUIRY INTO AUSTRALIA'S AGREEMENT WITH MALAYSIA IN RELATION TO
ASYLUM SEEKERS: 23 SEPTEMBER 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(QON 18)

Senator Cash (L&CA 46) asked:

How is the Malaysian government making the law enforcement authorities aware of the special status of the 800 people?

Answer:

We are advised that the Malaysian Department of Immigration will brief their enforcement personnel in relation to the Arrangement before the first transfer.

Clause 3 of the *Operational Guidelines to Support Transfers and Resettlement*, agreed by Australia and Malaysia, provides for the situation of transferees. A copy of the guidelines was included in the Department's submission to the Inquiry.