

**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 7)

Senator Cash (L&CA 37) asked:

Could you take on notice to provide the Committee with a copy of the legal advice that you received from the Office of International Law?

Answer:

It is the long standing practice of Governments not to comment on or disclose the nature of legal advice provided. The content of legal advice is subject to legal professional privilege. Questions about the release of legal advice are a matter for the relevant minister.