

**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 13)

Senator Cash (L&CA 39) asked:

Are we able to have a copy of the original position papers in relation to the negotiations surrounding the [800] cap?

Answer:

The Department is unable to release the paper referred to as it relates to Cabinet considerations. The information requested also relates to negotiations conducted with the Government of Malaysia – it is also therefore not appropriate to release these documents as negotiations with Malaysia were conducted with the understanding of confidentiality.