

**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 5)

Senator Cash (L&CA 36) asked:

Are you able to provide the Committee with a copy of the preliminary memorandum of understanding that was provided to the Malaysian Government?

Answer:

The preliminary memorandum of understanding formed part of government-to-government negotiations. Release of this document would not be appropriate, as negotiations with Malaysia were conducted with the understanding of confidentiality.