

**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 1)

Senator Cash (L&CA 35) asked:

Could you please take on notice to provide the exact date of when the advice was received (i.e. legal advice to the government from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, including our High Commission in Malaysia, supporting the government's decision to announce their proposed arrangement with Malaysia before any details had been negotiated)?

Answer:

Upon reviewing the question, the Department has no knowledge of such advice being provided to the government.