

**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 25)

Senator Cash asked (in writing):

[Regarding caning] Is the Department satisfied with the so called assurances that the Government has obtained in this regard? If so why? If not, why not?

Answer:

The Department is satisfied with the assurances provided by the Malaysian government. The Arrangement was negotiated in good faith and freely entered into by Malaysia. Malaysian Minister for Home Affairs Hishammuddin has stated publicly that Malaysia would ensure those protections outlined in the Arrangement were upheld.