

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/001) PROGRAMME – Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal

Senator Carr (L&CA 39) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Maybe government has changed since we were there a little while ago, but there was a process whereby cabinet minutes were produced and circulated to the affected departments. That is not happening any more? Is that what you are saying?

Mr Bowles: No, that is not what I am saying.

Senator KIM CARR: I am surprised that you cannot tell me.

Mr Bowles: I do not know the specifics of what happened through a cabinet process.

CHAIR: I think they are probably more questions for the minister, and Senator Cash is not the minister but the representative minister. Perhaps Senator Cash might be able to take those questions on notice if it is important to you.

Senator Cash: I am happy to do that, if they are important to Senator Carr.

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you.

Answer:

This is a matter for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.