

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(BE14/170) PROGRAMME – Internal Product**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Can you please explain what you mean by “scope is still being determined”?

Will it be a public review and who will be invited to participate?

If it has already started, are consultations underway and who is being consulted?

How long are these consultations expected to take? (note it has already been 6 months since the media release was issued)

*Answer:*

On 24 June 2014, the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Senator the Hon. Michaelia Cash announced the independent review of the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority.

The independent review is being conducted by Perth barrister, Dr Christopher N. Kendall. A call for public submissions was published on the department’s website on 30 June 2014. The reviewer will consult with key stakeholders including the Migration Institute of Australia, the Law Council of Australia and the Migration Alliance and will provide a final report to the Assistant Minister in early September 2014.