

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/254) PROGRAMME –

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency:

- a. Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents released under section 11A (direct download)?
- b. Require individuals to contact the Department or Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)?
- c. Facilitate to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify).

Answer:

- a. Yes
- b. ACBPS documents released under the FOI Act are published on its Disclosure Log to comply with section 11C. The only circumstances where ACBPS requires individuals to contact the Service to ask for the provision of documents under section 11C is where the number of documents is significant and publication is not practical.

Documents released by DIBP in 2014 are able to be downloaded from the Department's Disclosure Log. Access to documents released prior to this date can be sought by contacting the Department's FOI Section. The Department is progressively populating the DIBP online disclosure log with documents released prior to 2014.

- c. If requested, the portfolio can provide documents in an alternative format, usually hard copy.