

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(146) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 168) asked:

What is the department doing, in co-operation with other agencies, about tracking down family members in Australia who are facilitating the illegal movement of people into Australia? I.e. Australian residents who contact family members overseas and encourage them to engage a people smuggler in order to come illegally to Australia?

Answer:

The department works collaboratively within the Whole of Government framework to address people smuggling issues within Australia and overseas.

The investigation of any criminal activity would be conducted by the Australian Federal Police.