

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(150) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

With reference to the answer given to Question on Notice 93 asked at the Budget Estimates hearing on 27 May 2010, regarding the current length of time taken for ASIO to make security assessments of offshore entry persons, ASIO advised DIAC that the average time taken to complete security assessments of IMA's is 35 days from receipt of the referral from DIAC. Is 35 days still the average time taken by ASIO to complete security assessments of IMA's?

Answer:

Questions regarding the timeliness of undertaking security assessments are best directed to ASIO.