QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(151) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

- 1) How many IMAs from 1 July 2010 to date have received ASIO security checks?
- 2) How many have received negative assessments?
- 3) Are there any cases in which ASIO has changed its assessment in the light of later information or for any other reasons?

Answer.

- 1. Between 1 July 2010 and 13 April 2011 ASIO issued 1281 security assessments in relation to IMAs.
- 2. The security assessments included 20 adverse assessments.
- 3. Since 2008, ASIO has provided DIAC with revised security assessments in relation to eleven asylum seekers. Ten of these were for people on the MV Oceanic Viking and the eleventh related to the last asylum seeker left on Nauru.