

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(18) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

I understand that the Office of the MARA held a forum in June 2010 for organisations involved in the non-commercial sector. A key action item arising from the meeting included the development of a kit to assist in "split family" visa applications. Please provide a status update in relation to the kit.

Answer:

Comments on a draft version of the kit were canvassed from attendees at the forum, the Office of the MARA Advisory Board and the Department in December 2010. These comments are being incorporated in a version currently scheduled to be finalised in the coming months.