

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(354) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Trood asked:

- 1) Who made the decision within the Department to review the issuing of the APEC business cards?
- 2) Does the Department have a target figure for the number of cards? If so, what is the target number?
- 3) Was the head of the Department, Mr Metcalfe, briefed about the changes to the APEC business cards? If so, when did this briefing occur? Can a copy of the briefing be provided?

Answer:

- 1) The decision was made by a senior officer in the Department.
- 2) The Department does not have a target figure for the number of cards.
- 3) The Secretary of the Department was not briefed in relation to the eligibility changes.