

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0015) Portfolio Tribunals (MRT-RRT)

Senator Cash (L&CA 10) asked:

Why was the Lavarch Review initiated?

Answer:

The Lavarch Review was initiated because of the significant increase in the lodgments before the Migration Review Tribunal (MRT) and the Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT) over the past few years, and the ability of the Tribunals to determine matters at a rate which has not matched the increase in lodgments.

The Lavarch review will also consider the impact upon the RRT of the transfer of merits review decisions involving Irregular Maritime Arrivals.