

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0044) Program: Internal Product**

Senator Cash asked:

Is the Department aware of the substance of the article published in The Australian Newspaper on 28 December 2011 under the banner headline “Abbott’s partisan politicking over refugees is heading for the rocks” said to be authored by Bruce Hawker? Did staff from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship assist in the writing of this article or providing material for use in this article? If yes, were the staff authorised to provide this material?

*Answer:*

The department did not assist in writing this article, and nor did it provide material for use in the article.