

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0156) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash (L&CA 31) asked:

In relation to applicants being granted partner visas on the basis of being in a de facto relationship with an Australian citizen, how many applications have been received from people using documentation from the New South Wales Relationships Register or other state registration authorities for same-sex couples as a way of meeting the cohabitation or other genuineness criteria?

*Answer:*

Although evidence of registration will be held on file and recorded in case notes, the information cannot be recorded in a way which allows Departmental systems to report on the number of Partner visa applicants who have registered their relationship under a relevant law of a State or Territory on the basis of a same-sex relationship.