

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0228) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash asked:

What is the current estimate for when the consultation process for Regional Migration Agreements (RMAs) will have been completed?

*Answer:*

The stakeholder consultation process for the Regional Migration Agreement program framework concluded in November 2011. Guidelines for the program are now being finalized in the course of negotiating the first RMA with the Northern Territory government.

The department will also consult with select Federal Government agencies and the relevant state or territory government on assessment of RMA submissions. These consultations will be ongoing for the duration of the RMA program.