

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0414) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Boyce asked:

How does the Department define 'disability'? Could you provide the dated document that that lays out the Department definition and the date when the definitions contained therein were first used in the field by the Department?

*Answer:*

'Disability' is not defined in Australian immigration legislation or DIAC policy.

Immigration legislation requires that visa applicants be assessed against a health requirement. Information about the health requirement can be found in DIAC's Fact Sheet 22, available at <http://www.immi.gov.au/media/fact-sheets/>