

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0424) Program: Internal Product

Senator Cash asked:

Does the Department believe that there are legislative remedies to the issues raised by the High Court? If so, what are they? If not, does this mean that it has given up on an offshore processing regime?

Answer:

The Migration Legislation Amendment (Offshore Processing and Other Measures) Bill 2011 was introduced into the House of Representatives on 21 September 2011.

The purpose of the amendments in that Bill is to address the issues arising from the High Court of Australia's decision in *Plaintiff M70/2011 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2011] HCA 32. The Bill contains the complete set of legislative remedies to the issues raised by the High Court.