

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0008) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 16) asked:

How many meetings of the minister's Expert Panel have been held to date? Please provide the dates of these meetings. Going forward, how often is it anticipated?

Answer:

Following the release of the Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers report on 13 August 2012, the Minister's Expert Panel Implementation meeting has occurred 40 times through to 11 February 2013.

The dates of the meetings have been sourced from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in its capacity as coordinator of the Minister's Expert Panel Implementation meetings and are as follows:.

1. 16 August 2012
2. 21 August 2012
3. 23 August 2012
4. 27 August 2012
5. 30 August 2012
6. 3 September 2012
7. 7 September 2012
8. 10 September 2012
9. 11 September 2012
10. 12 September 2012
11. 13 September 2012
12. 17 September 2012
13. 18 September 2012
14. 20 September 2012
15. 24 September 2012
16. 27 September 2012
17. 28 September 2012
18. 2 October 2012
19. 9 October 2012
20. 11 October 2012
21. 16 October 2012
22. 18 October 2012
23. 29 October 2012
24. 1 November 2012

25. 6 November 2012
26. 8 November 2012
27. 12 November 2012
28. 15 November 2012
29. 19 November 2012
30. 21 November 2012
31. 26 November 2012
32. 29 November 2012
33. 3 December 2012
34. 10 December 2012
35. 14 December 2012
36. 4 January 2013
37. 18 January 2013
38. 23 January 2013
39. 1 February 2013
40. 6 February 2013

It is anticipated that the Minister's Expert Panel Implementation meetings will continue to occur as required.