

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0014) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 19) asked:

Has Minister O'Connor contacted the Malaysian government since his appointment to the portfolio to 11 February 2013?

Answer:

Yes. The former Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, the Hon Brendan O'Connor MP and senior departmental officers have had contact with Malaysia on the Arrangement and the recommendations of the Expert Panel. Contact will continue including through joint working groups on people smuggling and immigration related issues.