

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0113) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 111) asked:

If they can be tabled, please table the series of memorandums of understanding with the Sri Lankan government regarding stopping the flow of boats coming to Australia.

Answer:

There is a joint statement of mutual cooperation between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on migration, refugees, irregular migration and people smuggling that was signed in April 2003. We would need the consent of the Government of Sri Lanka to table the document.