

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0179) PROGRAM – OMARA**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Given that registered migration agents are required to meet a standard of English on enrolment for a Graduate Certificate or Diploma in Australian Immigration Law & Practice, why does the Office of the MARA insist on agents undertaking a separate IELTS test?

*Answer:*

Students are not required to demonstrate a score of IELTS 7 to gain admission to the Graduate Certificate. As such, admission to or even completion of the Graduate Certificate is not evidence of English proficiency equivalent to IELTS 7.