

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0194) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Response to Question on Notice SE12/0067 (Supplementary Budget Estimates 15 October 2012), states that, “The Department requests a response within five days of sending the proposed decision to the Minister’s office.” To clarify, if the department does not receive a response from the Minister’s office within five days, are the documents then released without delay? Or does the department wait for a response, or follow up with the Minister’s office, before the documents are released?

Answer:

The department’s current process is to draft a freedom of information decision; notify the Minister’s Office that the decision will be released after three days; and provide copies of the documents to be released. The information is released on the advised date and the department does not wait for a response from the Minister’s Office.