

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/073) PROGRAMME – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Carr (L&CA 97) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: The Australian of 13 February alleges that FOI documents show that you were concerned about a potential conflict of interest. Is that correct? Were you concerned about a potential conflict of interest?

Mr Bowles: I cannot remember exactly all of those issues. There are a range of issues. I think it was raised on the odd occasion: is there a conflict of interest? And there were a whole range of articles appearing in the media from time to time about these issues. I cannot specifically remember that, so I am happy to take that on notice, if you like.

Answer:

Matters relating to the disbandment of the Immigration Health Advisory Group (IHAG) were given in evidence at the Senate Estimates Committee Hearing on 25 February 2014. These matters are recorded in Hansard at pages 96-97 of the Committee's hearing.