

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/300) PROGRAMME – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Did any of the following lead the Secretary to believe disbandment (IHAG) was the best and only available course of action to avoid “actual and potential conflicts of interest”:

Creation of joint agency taskforce (OSB)

Introduction of rapid transfer arrangements (48 hour rule)

Expansion of offshore processing

Was this because the Secretary was aware the advice of the IHAG would be contrary to Government policy?

Were Secretary’s concerns relayed to Government/Minister/Assistant Minister?

Answer:

Matters relating to the disbandment of 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.