QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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Senator Crossin (L&CA 28) asked:

On ABC radio's *PM* show on 15 March, the minister made some comments about the International Organisation for Migration. I am wondering whether the media unit advised the minister that the IOM is not a UN agency and does not conduct refugee status determinations. If not, perhaps you might take on notice for us where the minister got that view from or how he came to that view.

Answer:

The department's media response team provided the minister's office with details about the IOM after the *PM* report was first broadcast.