

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(61) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Nettle (L&CA 77) asked:

Is the Government prepared to ask the USA to make a copy of the Mutual Assistance Arrangement available to the Committee and, if so, advise the outcome of the request?

Answer:

It is not normal Government policy to release to the public the text of bilateral arrangements such as these as they are understandings arrived at between government officials. The information in the Arrangement is already in the public arena (see answer to Question 62).