

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0139) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

Why was the decision made to exclude junior and emerging miners from access to EMAs?

Answer:

Junior and emerging miners are not excluded from access to EMAs. The EMA eligibility criteria do not focus on mining industry seniority but on the significance of the size and labour market impact of the resources project.