

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0168) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Barnett (L&CA 88) asked:

Did the Department receive legal advice from the Solicitor General or elsewhere regarding the rights of people once they do land in Malaysia?

*Answer:*

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship sought and received advice from the Solicitor-General and the Australian Government Solicitor on a number of matters relating to the proposed transfer of offshore entry persons to a third country.