

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0170) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Barnett (L&CA 86) asked:

In relation to the agreement with Malaysia, how many pieces of legal advice were received from the Solicitor General? On what date was the advice first sought and on what date/s was the advice received?

Answer:

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