

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0173) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 81) asked:

Provide details of the consultations to date that the Australian government has had with the UNHCR and IOM.

Answer:

Australian officials have been consulting with UNHCR and IOM officials since at least November 2010 in relation to the establishment of a regional cooperation framework and possible means by which to implement arrangements. Detailed discussions relating specifically to the Malaysia Arrangement commenced in April 2011.