

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0231) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Cash asked:

Is the Department aware of any IMAs who have been granted permanent protection visas who have then returned to the country from which they claim to have been subjected to persecution? If so, will the Department provide information on each case?

*Answer:*

The grant of a Protection visa allows its holder to travel freely as a permanent resident for five years. As with all Australian permanent residents, the Department does not monitor the travel of Protection visa holders.