

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0246) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 116) asked:

Has the Department actually invoked 91W in relation to the non-provision of documents?

Answer:

Departmental systems do not support reporting on the use of Section 91W powers. However, anecdotal evidence suggests that formal requests by the Department under this discretionary power are made infrequently.