

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0273) Program 3.1:Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

For IMAs who arrived in Australia without documentation, do DIAC officials ask what has happened to the documentation? If yes, what are the answers given? If not, why not?

Answer:

Yes. The reasons given by IMAs for not having documentation include never owning documentation; possessing documentation but not travelling with the documentation; documents were taken by people smugglers prior to travelling; and documents were destroyed by the IMA on the way to Australia.