

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 May 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0295) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (L&CA 11) asked:

Has the Minister expressed any dissatisfaction with the current directive, directive 41, or sought to issue any new Direction, other than to take account of the changes to the Act currently before the parliament?

Answer:

The Minister has not sought to issue a new Direction to date. However, the Department continually monitors the application of Ministerial Direction 41 and provides policy advice to the Minister on the character decision-making framework, for his ongoing consideration.