

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0593) Program 4.3: Community Programs and Children Division

Senator Cash asked:

How many claimed minors have been found to be in fact over the age of 18 years?

Answer:

The Department does not keep separate statistics on the number of cases where age determination processes have been undertaken, as age determination is just one aspect of establishing identity. The Department can confirm that there have been some cases where, following examination of age-related claims, clients claiming to be minors have been assessed to be adults.