

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0677) Program 4.3: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash asked:

Has the Minister used any of his powers available under section 501 of the Act, including past and present conduct powers to cancel or refuse the visas of anyone involved in such activity?

Answer.

To date, the Minister has not used section 501 of the Act to cancel or refuse the visas of anyone involved in incidents that have taken place in any immigration detention centres. To date, there have been no cases where the new provisions apply.