

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0701) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (L&CA 94) asked:

When did the pilot program to determine age commence?

*Answer:*

In July 2010, the Department commenced a pilot program of focussed interviewing, through several areas of enquiry including, but not limited to, family history, education and social history/independence.