

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0006) Program: Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal

Senator Cash (L&CA 10) asked:

How many occasions since November 2007 has the tribunal asked for DNA testing of family applicants?

Answer:

The Tribunals only started keeping distinct records for DNA evidence requests on 19 December 2011. Prior to this date there is no central record of requests for DNA evidence.

As at 21 May 2012, there have been 3 requests, the earliest dated 23 February 2012.