

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0054) Program: Internal Product

Senator Cash asked:

Media visit: I refer to Senate Estimates Hansard dated 13th February 2012 at page 24, where Ms Wilson states, in relation to media visits, "there is a series being planned for the first six months of this year which is still being finalised". Please update the Committee on the media visits for the first six months of the year? Where and when are these visits scheduled to occur? Who will be participating in each of these visits?

Answer:

In the first six months of 2012, the department facilitated a visit to Villawood IDC on January 24 (SBS), a visit to facilities on Christmas Island on March 9-10 (Cordell Jigsaw), a visit to Maribyrnong IDC on May 23 (Al-Jazeera), a visit to the Darwin Airport Lodge on June 14 (ABC) and a media familiarisation of the new Yongah Hill IDC on June 25.