

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE12/0055) Program: Internal Product**

Senator Cash asked:

Media visit: What feedback has been received since the implementation of the revised “media access to detention centres” policy, launched on 21 October 2011?

*Answer:*

So far, more than 30 journalists, photographers and camera/sound operators have signed the agreement and entered our facilities. Feedback from participants so far is that the visits have been far less restrictive than they expected.

There is every indication working journalists and photographers who have signed the deed have found the policy practical and workable.