

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0145) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details.

Answer:

Department of Immigration and Citizenship:

The department's guidelines on study provide for ongoing employees to receive the following types of assistance where an approved course of study is being undertaken:

- assistance with Higher Education Contribution Scheme or Postgraduate Education Loans Scheme charges and course fees;
- study leave; and/or
- access to flexible working arrangements for study purposes.

Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal:

The tribunals have a set of detailed Study Assistance Scheme guidelines. The guidelines are in the process of being update. Please see Attachment A.