

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE12/0269) Program 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Cash (L&CA 56) asked:

Have there been circumstances in which someone has been refused protection in one of the four other countries, but we have subsequently provided them with protection in Australia?

*Answer:*

Yes. Due to legal and privacy considerations, DIAC would not normally be made aware of the reasons individuals were refused protection in another Five Country Conference country.