

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0280) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

Since 2007 has the Department raised concerns with the Minister, or internally, about IMAs who have arrived having already arrived by illegal boat under the previous government? When were these concerns relayed? What were those concerns? If not, why not?

Answer:

Yes. However, the information sought is not held in a consolidated form by the department. It would be a significant task to collate this information requiring the diversion of considerable departmental resources.