

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0288) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 46) asked:

Has anyone been prosecuted for presenting false or altered documents or fraudulent documents?

Answer:

Between the period 1 July 2011 and 30 April 2012 a total of 10 prosecutions were undertaken against persons alleged to have committed offences against *Section 234 of the Migration Act 1958*, dealing with false documents and misleading information relating to non-citizens.

A conviction was recorded in 6 of the cases referred.