

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0293) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 17) asked:

Regarding age determinations: if someone disputes the determination, what then happens.

Answer:

A review of an age assessment is conducted, if an age determination outcome is disputed and new information has been provided that has not been considered in the original age assessment. If no new information is provided and there are no other exceptional circumstances, then the original age assessment stands, even though the client may dispute the assessment.