

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE12/0305) Program 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Xenophon (L&CA 50) asked:

Are border protection procedures not activated until crew finish the final sector of the flight?

*Answer:*

As a Special Purpose visa is granted by operation of law on the day the crew member disembarks from the airline, border protection procedures, as they relate to immigration clearance, can occur at either the first port of entry or the port where the international flight terminates (if they are different places).

These procedures are therefore not dependent upon when the foreign crew complete the final sector in order to be 'activated'.