

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(BE12/0312) Program 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Cash asked:

Destruction of Documents: How confident is the Department that these documents are genuine? What processes does the department go through to ascertain the genuineness of any documents produced?

*Answer:*

Where DIAC officers are presented with documents, the assessment of their genuineness is conducted with reference to training and instructions. Officers have access to reference data bases of genuine documents and to expert DIAC Document Examination services to assist in the assessment.

Within the DIAC Document Examination Laboratories, DIAC is confident that presented documents are examined with world-class thoroughness and in accordance with forensic standards of evidence handling and analysis.