

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

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

#### **(BE12-0346) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution**

Senator Cash (L&CA 75 ) asked:

Regarding the international charter to Africa, when was the approval to land in Senegal actually requested by the department?

*Answer:*

Approval to land in Senegal was the responsibility of the charter operator. The department received advice from the charter operator that a verbal landing approval for Senegal was received on 22 March 2012. On 24 March 2012 the Senegal Foreign Ministry requested a formal letter from the department outlining the nature of the charter. The department responded to the Senegal Civil Aviation Authority on 24 March 2012. Landing rights into Senegal were given to the charter operator on Tuesday 27 March 2012.