

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0358) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash asked:

I refer to the Commonwealth Ombudsman report entitled “Detention arrangements – the transfer of 22 detainees from Villawood Immigration Detention Centre to the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre Silverwater” dated April 2012 and I ask: Has a final version of the policy been settled? If not, when do you expect it to be finalised?

Answer:

The draft updated PAM is currently waiting final clearance and is anticipated the document will be uploaded on LEGEND in mid August 2012.