

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0457) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

Have any declared items brought into the country by IMAs been reported to the relevant authorities including amounts of cash? If not, why not? Has cash been brought into the country by asylum seekers and if so, how much? Have amounts over \$10,000 been brought in by individuals and if so has this been reported to the relevant authorities (ie Austrac, AG's)?

Answer:

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service conduct checks of IMA property upon interdiction. Questions regarding declarations, amounts of cash declared and other declared items should be addressed to that agency. Any money in excess of the \$10,000 AUSTRAC limit is reported by Customs in accordance with normal reporting requirements for all persons entering Australia.