

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0024) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (L&CA 52) asked:

Senator CASH: Very similar. If someone is aware of migration fraud or immigration fraud and fails to report it, is that an offence under any particular law?

Mr Bowles: I am not sure we are qualified to answer that. We can try to find out for you.

Senator CASH: If you could try to find out, that would be appreciated.

Answer:

The Department is able to provide advice only in relation to the Migration Act. There is no specific offence in the Migration Act of failing to report migration fraud or immigration fraud.

The question should be referred to the Attorney-General's Department for further advice.