

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0064) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 108) asked:

Senator CASH: I want to go through this again to make sure I have not misunderstood your evidence. I asked you, 'Could I open a bank account?' and you said, 'Yes, you could- it is a form of ID.' In relation to the opening of a bank account, an Australian citizen would normally need a 100-point ID check. In terms of points, what is that the equivalent of?

Mr Bowles: I do not know specifically. I would have to find out. I can find that out for you.

Answer:

Banking institutions make their own decisions about what to accept as proof of identity. The Department has requested that banks accept ImmiCards in conjunction with other identification, for example a Medicare card.