

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27- 28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0098) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 31) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Correct me if I am wrong, but the screening in, screening out process that operated until 27 October had only been used for airport arrivals.

Ms Larkins: No, that is not correct. I would need to come back to you with particular advice on that. At various points, we have used screening in and screening out—not the enhanced screening, but border screening—with IMA cohorts. But I do not have that detail with me at the minute.

Answer:

All non-citizens who arrive in Australia without a valid visa and seek Australia's protection are subject to screening, including maritime arrivals. Screening has been in effect for many years.