

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0116) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 45) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: The reason I am asking is that you are locked up and told that you are being removed and somebody then comes and asks you whether you have sought legal advice without even being told that perhaps you have a right to. You could understand why somebody would feel pretty intimidated by that. So I think this is a pretty important question. Are people told they have a right to legal assistance?

*Answer:*

On arrival at an immigration detention facility, as part of the induction process, people in immigration detention are informed of their entitlement to seek legal advice.