

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0463) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Will the No Advantage test be different for different cohorts?

*Answer:*

'No Advantage' is a principle, not a test. At its most basic level, the 'no advantage' principle seeks to ensure that asylum seekers who circumvent regular migration arrangements and arrive in Australia by boat do not benefit over those who claim protection and seek asylum through regular migration pathways. The principle will be applied in a consistent manner.