

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0466) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Has Minister O'Connor contacted the Malaysian government since his appointment to the portfolio? Has he had any contact with the Malaysian minister at all?

*Answer:*

On 23 May 2013, Minister O'Connor made a telephone call to the Malaysian Minister of Home Affairs, Y.B. Dato' Ato' Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Bin Hamidi.