

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0468) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Has the Malaysian government indicated that they will agree to implement binding legal arrangements as required by the High Court decision? Has it agreed to pass legislation to that effect? Has the Malaysian government been asked if they will agree to an open-ended agreement rather than be restricted to 800?

Answer:

It would not be appropriate for the Department to comment on the detail of diplomatic discussions and negotiations with foreign governments.