

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(66) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Brandis (L&CA 77) asked:

Is the Secretary aware that a report in relation to the sheikh was prepared by an Australian intelligence officer at the time the permanent residency application was under consideration in 1984? I am not asking the Secretary what it said; I am simply asking whether he is aware of the fact of the existence of a report of that nature.

Answer:

Having received advice from the relevant agencies, the Secretary notes the convention adopted by successive Australian Governments of not commenting publicly on intelligence or security matters. Accordingly, the Secretary is not able to add to the comments he provided at the hearing on this matter.