

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING:

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&CA Written) asked:

What action has the Minister or the Department undertaken in relation to allegations about a migration agent, Mr Solaiman, detailed in an article in the *Sun Herald* dated 7 September 2008? Have the matters alleged been investigated and what action has been undertaken.

Answer:

The Department has an ongoing investigation into the allegations reported in the Sun Herald on 7 September 2008.

The Department has also referred this matter to the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) who have responsibility for the registration and conduct of migration agents.

Given the ongoing nature of this investigation I am unable to provide further detail at this time.