

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(7) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration – Office of the MARA

Senator Barnett (L&C 25) asked:

Provide a copy of the draft code of conduct for migration agents.

Answer:

There is currently a Code of Conduct that all Migration Agents are required to follow. The Code of Conduct is prescribed in Section 314(1) of the *Migration Act 1958 (Cth)* and set out in Schedule 2 of Regulation 8 of the *Migration Agents Regulations 1998*. The Code of Conduct is a binding code of practice for Migration Agents.

The Migration Institute of Australia (MIA) has informed the Department that they are making some recommendations for changes to the Code of Conduct. This MIA work has not yet been made public.

The Migration Institute of Australia (MIA) has advised that the draft Code of Conduct and Professional Ethics for Migration Agents will be available after their Board meets on 4 December 2009.

Once the Office of the MARA has received the draft Code of Conduct and Professional Ethics for Migration Agents we will provide you with a copy.

The discussion paper relating to the draft Code of Conduct and Professional Ethics for Migration Agents is publicly available on the MIA's website. A copy is attached for your information.