

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(161) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to re-introduce the Visa Capping Bill?
- (2) If so, when?
- (3) What was the feedback from industry about the Bill?

Answer:

(1)-(3) The Department cannot comment on what decisions Government may take in the future.

The Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010 was referred to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs committee for inquiry and report on 26 May 2010. Due to the prorogation of the 42nd Parliament and the dissolution of the House of Representatives on 19 July 2010, the Committee has determined not to continue this inquiry. Some 674 submissions were received by the Committee, including submissions from industry bodies such as Australian Industry Group and Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. These submissions are available on the Committee's website and can be provided.