

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(180) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) How many prosecutions of unregistered persons offering migration advice have been undertaken by the Office of MARA since 1 July 2009?
- (2) What was the result of each prosecution?

*Answer:*

(1) The Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) does not prosecute for offences under the *Migration Act 1958*. It is the responsibility of the Department to investigate allegations of unregistered practice.

There are currently two active court cases which began after 1 July 2009 in relation to unregistered migration agents. Another Brief of Evidence has been submitted to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP) for assessment.

(2) These cases are still before the courts.