QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(201) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

Is the Partner Visa program being "managed" or "controlled" by the simple device of not processing any offshore or onshore partner visas in certain processing centres?

Answer.

All Partner visa applications lodged at offshore posts or State/Territory offices continue to be processed according to legislative and administrative requirements.