QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(23) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Abetz (L&CA 32) asked:

Is the department aware of significant industry concerns that, in fact, the integrity of the importing of boxers, especially from the Philippines, is not as it might be? Have you received any complaints or concerns?

Answer.

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship is not aware of any significant industry or integrity concerns in relation to the importing of boxers.

The Department takes seriously all complaints and allegations and investigates where appropriate.

The Department was aware of the specific matter raised by Senator Abetz at Senate Estimates and appropriate action was already underway.