QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0174) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

I refer to the answer given to EQON BE11/0081 which states: "a template for Enterprise Migration Agreements as announced in the 2011-2012 budget, is currently under development, and is therefore unable to be provided at this time". Has this EMA template been finalised? If so, provide the Committee with copy, and if not, why not and when do you expect it to be finalised?"

Answer.

The Enterprise Migration Agreement template is currently being developed in conjunction with the Department's legal area. The Enterprise Migration Agreements Submission Guidelines published early September 2011, provide comprehensive information on requirements for the program (copy attached). The template will reflect these guidelines. The Department expects the template to be finalised in coming months in time for the first EMA to be given effect.