

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 OCTOBER 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0002) Program: Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal

Question:

Senator Cash (L&CA 5-6) asked:

Provide the details of the trials currently underway in relation to streamlining the more straightforward type of applications that come before the tribunal.

Answer:

A hearing list trial was held between 18 July and 27 September 2012, involving Subclass 485 (Skilled – Graduate) cases where the applicant had not met the English language criterion. The trial data demonstrated the effectiveness of hearing lists in reducing hearing times for single-issue cases and making better use of hearing room and member time.