

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0070) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Freedom of Information: Does every FOI decision go through the Minister's office before the documents are released, or is it on an ad hoc basis? If ad hoc, how many have been referred to the Minister's office and which FOI requests were they?

Answer:

No, not every FOI decision goes through the Minister's office before documents are released, nor is referral on an ad hoc basis. As stated in the Australian Information Commissioner's Own Motion Investigation, only requests on the 'Significant Case Register' are referred to the Minister's office.