

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0076B) PROGRAM – Internal Product**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Have any of these decisions been reviewed by the Australian Information Commissioner? If so, how many, and what was the outcome of the reviews?

*Answer:*

Only requests received by the Department since 1 November 2010 are eligible for review by the Australian Information Commissioner.

To 30 September 2012, the Department has had two review decisions made by the Australian Information Commissioner (in each case, the Freedom of Information Commissioner, Dr James Popple) where the Department refused to amend an applicant's personal information. In one instance, the Freedom of Information Commissioner affirmed the Department's decision and set aside the Department's decision in the other instance.