

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0181) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Humphries (written) asked:

Portfolio wide - Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents: Have any briefings been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include: How are briefings requests commissioned? What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed. How long is spent undertaking briefings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

Answer:

Two verbal briefings have been provided to the Australian Greens.

The first briefing occurred on 15 September 2011, when the Secretary, Andrew Metcalfe, met Senators Brown and Hanson-Young. The meeting was requested by the Senators and its subject was the High Court decision on offshore processing and regional transfers. The meeting lasted for one hour and the DIAC officers in attendance were the Secretary, a First Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Secretary.

The second briefing occurred on 18 June 2012 at the request of Senator Hanson-Young. Three DIAC officers met Senator Hanson-Young to verbally brief the Senator on the recent maritime arrivals of Vietnamese Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors. The meeting lasted half an hour and the staff members present were an Executive Level 2 officer, an Assistant Secretary, and a First Assistant Secretary.