

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 OCTOBER 2012**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(SE12/0184) PROGRAM – Internal Product**

Senator Humphries (written) asked:

Portfolio wide - Protective security policy framework: Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

*Answer:*

DIAC has maintained compliance with the former Protective Security Manual (PSM) by applying protective security and other measures to meet its operational and business needs. The Attorney-General's Department replaced the PSM with the new Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF) and as a result of this change DIAC undertook an independent review of its compliance against the new PSPF. The independent review identified a number of additional security requirements to be addressed. In response to the review DIAC has introduced a new Departmental Security Framework that replaces the previous Departmental Security Instructions and a revision of the Agency Security Plan which is updated on an existing 2 year cycle. Both of these documents have been approved by the acting Secretary in the 2012-13 financial year.

**MRT-RRT**

The MRT-RRT has reviewed the PSPF Mandatory Requirements and is assessed by the ASA to meet 25 of the 33 listed requirements. The remaining 8 requirements will be addressed in the first quarter of 2013. Risk management for the MRT RRT is also addressed through the tribunal Audit and Risk Management Committee which meets quarterly. The tribunals have complied with PSPF guidelines regarding the implementation of the new protective security marking classifications on all emails and documents, including new Dissemination Limiting Markers.