

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0192) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Hanson-Young (written) asked:

Internal audit of IMR findings: Were the agents paid to lodge a submission to this PRE process on behalf of their clients? How was the requirement to lodge submissions communicated to agents?

Answer:

Existing IAAAS Deed arrangements for the provision of a review assistance service applied for work undertaken by agents during the Pre Review Examination (PRE).

At the time of PRE allocation, agents were asked to submit to the department any new information relevant to their client's case to be considered as part of the PRE. Agents were given 14 days to provide this information.