

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0197) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Hanson-Young (written) asked:

When will media be able to visit Nauru and PNG? What are the media access guidelines? Is the Deed of Media Access still in use?

Answer:

Visa arrangements for media visiting Nauru and PNG are matters for those governments. Guidelines for access to facilities in Nauru and PNG will be developed, in consultation with those governments, in due course. The existing media access deed of agreement, which covers facilities in Australia, is in use. However, it is not suitable for use in Nauru and PNG in its current form.