

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0274) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 115) asked:

Confirm whether consideration is being given to any hardship provisions applying under the Special Humanitarian Program - for example, discretion to waive the fee or to pay a lower fee, or a smaller percentage of the fee.

Answer:

There are currently no fees charged when applying for a Special Humanitarian Program visa, hence no hardship provisions are applicable.