QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0331) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 65) asked:

Other than DIAC airport officers, is anybody else in the department able to access the PACE alert system?

Answer:

The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service's Passenger Assessment and Clearance Environment (PACE) processes the movement of persons across Australia's borders. Movement data is then transferred electronically to Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) systems where it is officially recorded.

DIAC airport staff have limited access to PACE. Staff can see basic information relating to flights and passengers but they do not have access to the alert information in PACE.

No DIAC officers (including airport officers) have access to the PACE alert module.