

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0388) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Biometrics: For the DIAC Biometric system, how many offshore, foreign sites will use this technology, going forward?

Answer:

The Department plans to commence collecting biometrics from visa applicants in two new countries in December 2012. An evaluation of the offshore collection program is currently underway. Results of the evaluation will inform the future directions of the program.