

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0395) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Biometrics: Will enrolled biometric candidates on the DIAC Biometric System be compared to international watch lists and databases of other foreign law enforcement agencies?

Answer:

Under the Five Country Conference (FCC) arrangements, fingerprints are checked against the immigration data holdings and associated watchlists of the FCC member countries (Canada, the UK, the USA, and NZ). Information provided following a fingerprint match may include information relating to immigration and criminal history.