

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0396) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Biometrics: How will the privacy of individual candidates enrolled on the foreign component of the DIAC biometric system be ensured offshore?

Answer:

Biometric data is transmitted from the biometric collection points offshore to DIAC biometric systems via a secure network using encrypted software. The offshore biometrics records are deleted at the collection point once DIAC onshore systems have verified receipt of the data.