

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0404) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (L&CA 62) asked:

Is the Department able to provide a copy of the notice of intent to cancel that was written to the wife and children of Mr Al Abassi (Captain Emad)?

Answer:

The Department considers that it would not be appropriate to provide copies of the Notice of Intention to Consider Cancellation documents addressed to the wife and children of Mr Al Abassi. The documents contain sensitive personal information the disclosure of which would, it is considered, be unreasonable. The documents also contain information obtained in confidence from international agencies, the disclosure of which in these circumstances may damage the Department's relations with these agencies and their willingness to continue to provide such information.