

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0405) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution**

Senator Cash (L&CA 63-64) asked:

Mr Al Abassi's family requested an extension on the deadline to respond to the notice of intent to cancel. Has the Minister made a decision, at this time, on whether to grant the extension?

*Answer:*

No. The Minister cannot provide a decision on whether to grant an extension of time as there are no provisions in the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) or the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations) which allow for an extension of time. However, the Minister can defer consideration of whether to exercise the discretion to cancel a visa.