

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0407) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (L&CA 65) asked:

Are Mr Al Abassi's family still living in public housing? Are they in Canberra, or are they elsewhere?

Answer:

The Department is committed to protecting its clients' privacy including complying with the provisions of the Privacy Act 1988 (the Privacy Act).

The nature of the family's housing arrangements are matters for the relevant state and territory governments. Information as to the family's whereabouts would contain 'personal information' as defined in the Privacy Act.