

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 OCTOBER 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0599) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Implementation of Hawke-Williams report: The report refers to the establishment of a National Joint Intelligence Group “which regularly brings together representatives from the department, Serco, the AFP and the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service to share information which could have an impact across the represented parties” (pg. 4). How often does this group meet – what does ‘regularly’ mean -and who is involved in the meeting i.e. what rank or level of persons within each group are involved?

Answer:

- a) The National Joint Intelligence Group meets on a monthly basis.
- b) The individual representatives that participate will vary from meeting to meeting depending on the availability of officers. Representatives are generally at the Director/Assistant Director/Team Leader level.