

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0606) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Implementation of Hawke-Williams report: The report notes that “the department is actively progressing work to finalise the three core incident management documents” (pg. 6) for Christmas Island. When will these documents expected to be completed and put in practise?

Answer:

The finalisation of the core incident management documents is subject to multiple dependencies including the agreement of MOU arrangements between DIAC, the AFP, and state and territory police. The department is working closely with police to finalise these MOUs as soon as possible. For details of the current status of each MOU, please refer to SE12/0591.