

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0202) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? a. If so, which departments or agencies? b. If so, when? c. If so, how does this occur?

Answer:

Yes.

- a. The department would consult with any agency in the Commonwealth, or the States and Territories as applicable, if we hold documents relating to their function.
- b. The department will consult with other agencies where the documents or subject material within the scope of an FOI request relate to the functions of the other agency.
- c. Consultation takes place in line with the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner. This would typically occur by email, however, this would vary based on the security classification of the documents in scope.