

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0196) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

I refer to the answer given to AE12/0182 which states “The Department has received representations from industry and other stakeholders regarding the possible expansion of the definition of regional Australia.” Has the Department considered this option? If so, what was the outcome? If it is still under consideration when do you expect to be in a position to advise the outcome?

Answer:

The Department has consulted with stakeholder agencies on changes to the Working Holiday Maker program to support tourism and other industries and further work is ongoing. Any outcomes will be announced once any changes are agreed by Government.