QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0337A) PROGRAM - 3.1: Border Management

Senator Xenophon (L&CA 85) asked:

In relation to the use of foreign cabin crew, does the Department have the power to enforce a mandatory reporting regime on airlines?

Answer:

The Department has a legislative requirement for airlines to report all passengers and crew arriving in Australia.

The Department does not have a legislative power to enforce a mandatory reporting regime on airlines, in relation to the use of foreign cabin crew on those airlines.