QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0357) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

When did the Minister last travel to Indonesia, what locations within Indonesia did he visit, which Ministers did he make calls on, which Departments did he visit and which officials did he meet with and what other sites did the Minister visit and for what purpose? On any of these occasion was the Minister accompanied by any other Australian Ministers?

Answer:

The Hon Chris Bowen MP Minister for Immigration and Citizenship last travelled to Indonesia from 29 – 30 March 2011 to represent Australia at the Fourth Bali Process Ministerial Conference held in Bali. The Hon Kevin Rudd, former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Co-Chaired the conference with Dr Marty Natalegawa, the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Indonesia.

During the conference the Minister met with the Indonesian Co-Chair of the Bali Process Officials Conference, Mr Febrian Ruddyard.

The Minister also made a stopover in Jakarta where he had a luncheon meeting with the Australian Ambassador at his residence.