

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0394) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Biometrics: Will enrolled biometric candidates on the DIAC Biometric System be compared to international watch lists and databases of Australian law enforcement agencies?

Answer:

All newly enrolled fingerprints acquired by the department are automatically checked against both the department's own holdings and against the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) operated by CrimTrac. The NAFIS holds fingerprint data for law enforcement jurisdictions nationally and also contains INTERPOL records.