

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/150) PROGRAMME – 1.3: Migration, Border Management and Citizenship

Senator Singh (L&CA 107) asked:

Mr Fleming: I think that is the only model we have got. If there were a proposal to look at a pathway to permanent residence, there would be costings done as part of the usual budget and new policy proposal costing process. But that has not been done.

Senator SINGH: Is the government considering a pathway to permanent residence for retirement visa holders?

Mr Fleming: I am not aware of any such policy.

Senator SINGH: Senator Cash?

Senator Cash: No. I would have to take it on notice and speak to Minister Morrison for you, but I am not aware of any.

Mr Bowles: And I am not aware of it.

Answer:

The department is not aware of any inter-departmental work to consider providing a pathway to permanent residence for retirement visa holders.