

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/603) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Xenophon (Written) asked:

The British Government is pushing legislation to give it increased power to strip citizenship and its associated rights from Britons, even if they are native born, if they are suspected or convicted of terrorist offenses or acts of disloyalty.

Draft Legislation is currently before the House of Commons to expand the practice to naturalized citizens who have no other nationality and would be rendered stateless.

In Canada, a bill giving the government some deprivation powers is now before Parliament while a New York Times article suggests Australia and the Netherlands are considering drafting legislation.

1. Is the Department aware of pushes for increased deprivation powers in Britain?
2. Has the Department provided advice to the Government on the effectiveness of British deprivation powers in disrupting terrorist threats?
3. Are these laws being considered in Australia?

Answer:

1. Yes.

2. No.

3. The department is not aware of any formal proposals before the Parliament.