QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/018) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Reynolds (L&CA 46) asked:

Senator REYNOLDS: I understand that in the annual report prior to or including 2008 there was a list of all of the tribunal members, along with their qualifications and experience. I understand that in 2008 or 2009 that was removed from the annual reports. Can you provide some background as to why that occurred? Ms Cosson: I will need to take that on notice.

Answer:

The decision to remove information on the qualifications and experience of members since the 2008-9 annual report was based on savings and efficiency considerations. The PMC guidelines on Requirements for Annual Reports do not specify this as a requirement for the tribunals.