

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/472) PROGRAMME –

Senator Wright (Written) asked:

In relation to overseas surrogacy, what level of coordination does the DIBP have with other government departments, including the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade?

Answer:

The portfolio is only involved in overseas surrogacy when there is an application for a visa or Australian citizenship by descent.

Matters of surrogacy laws in Australia are handled by the Attorney-General's Department.

Matters of Australians seeking passports or consular advice are handled by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Where a matter requires a cross-portfolio response, relevant agencies provide input as necessary.