

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE15/025) - Special category for New Zealanders in Australia and Australians in New Zealand - Programme 2.1: Citizenship

Senator Macdonald, Ian (L&CA 74) asked:

CHAIR: For some reason a couple of radio stations in New Zealand contacted me—I am not quite sure why—for some comments. The suggestion was that we should have a special category for New Zealanders because they are our cousins across the ditch, but I was wondering whether Australia got special deals as well or was just made subject to the normal law that applied in New Zealand.

Mr Pezzullo: Again, we will check.

Answer:

This is a matter for the New Zealand Government.