

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0262) Program 4.3: Onshore release of asylum seekers

Senator Cash asked:

Does the onshore release policy mean the end of the so-called non-statutory regime?

Answer:

A person who enters Australia at an excised offshore place will continue to be classified as an offshore entry person under the Migration Act. Please refer to the answer to questions on notice AE12/297 and AE12/264 in relation to processing arrangements.