

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0507) Program 4.1: Compliance and Case Resolution**

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

Criminal Justice Stay Certificates: Are there procedures in place to ensure that those detained pursuant to CJSCs are afforded immediate access to a lawyer?

*Answer:*

The Department does not provide legal representation for clients in regard to criminal matters but will facilitate requests from clients to access legal representation. Questions regarding arrangements for legal representation for persons facing criminal charges in relation to people smuggling should be directed to the Attorney-General's Department.