

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0154) PROGRAM – Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

With reference to Recommendation 1 of the Lavarch Review, have the “Tribunals and Department discussed and agreed upon a backlog reduction strategy” based upon a mutual commitment to achieve an agreed target of at least a 50% reduction in cases on hand before the MRT by 1 July 2014? How far advanced are those discussions? Has a backlog reduction strategy been agreed on? What is it?

Answer:

The MRT-RRT and the department continue to have discussions on measures that might be taken together to reduce the backlog.