

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0160) PROGRAM – Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

With reference to Recommendation 9 of the Lavarch Review – “That a trial be conducted of a hearing-based case allocation model to assess if the model will deliver improved decision-making productivity.” On what date did the trial commence and when is the trial expected to conclude?

*Answer:*

The NSW Student visa refusal trial is formulated as a hearing-based case allocation model. The trial commenced early January 2013, with the first hearing list session on 29 January 2013, and was run for three months.