

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0161) PROGRAM – Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

In relation to Recommendation 11 of the Lavarch Review, have the amendments to the Code been made? If so, on what date, and if not, why not?

Answer:

No amendments have been made as yet. The tribunals and DIAC are in discussions about progressing amendments to: dismissal for non-appearance; preparation of written statement of reasons; referral of matters back to DIAC; and withdrawal powers.