

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0165) PROGRAM – Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

With reference to Recommendation 15 of the Lavarch Review – “That the Tribunals adopt more flexible work arrangements to permit Members to work from home.” At the October Estimates evidence was given that “we are internally looking at our systems including the ability of our technology to support recommendation 15” – what has been the progress of that consideration? What were the findings? Are Members now allowed to work from home?

Answer:

The MRT-RRT has been working on a new remote access solution which provides better capacity to support work from home.

Members have been able to work from home, and further progress may be made. However there are limits to the extent to which members can work from home, particularly arising from the need to conduct hearings.