

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/006) PROGRAMME – 1.1.3 - Office of MARA

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 12) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Mr Ingram, could I ask you about the direction from the minister issued in December, direction 62, in relation to changes for family reunion for applicants who arrived by boat. When was your office, the Office of the MARA, informed of that direction?

Mr Ingram: As I am very new in the position, I would have to take that one on notice.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Could you take that on notice.

Answer:

The Office of the MARA is not involved in visa processing and was not advised about Direction 62.