

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/089) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Seselja (L&CA 117) asked:

Senator SESELJA: Were all those processes followed in the case of the former staffer to Prime Minister Julia Gillard, Mr McTernan, and his 457 visa?

Mr Fleming: I do not personally know the circumstances other than from public reporting of that case. The standard steps would have had to be followed.

Senator SESELJA: It was pretty high profile and it was reported a lot. Do we know when that visa expired?

Mr Fleming: I do not have that with me. I can take that on notice if you like.

Answer:

Mr McTernan would not have been granted a subclass 457 visa unless he met all the legislative requirements for the visa.