

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/131) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Is the Minister required to conduct all interventions personally?

If so, can you confirm all Ministerial interventions are being conducted by the Assistant Minister?

What was the reason for this?

Under what instrument is it allowed?

Answer:

The Minister's public interest intervention powers can be exercised by the Minister, Assistant Ministers or Parliamentary Secretaries within the portfolio.

Both the Minister and the Assistant Minister are exercising the ministerial intervention powers.

N/A.

Section 19A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* provides that if a provision of an Act refers to a Minister using the expression the Minister without specifying which Minister is referred to, or refers to a particular Minister, and two or more Ministers administer the provision, then the reference is a reference to any one of those Ministers.