

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/244) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Has the MRT-RRT provided advice to the department on immigration and refugee matters?

If so, what is the nature of this advice? Was this advice implemented into the department's policies regarding immigration and refugee matters?

Answer:

The tribunals do not have a policy or advisory role, and have not provided advice to the department on migration or refugee policy matters. The tribunals' roles, jurisdiction and powers are set out in the Migration Act 1958 and the Migration Regulations 1994. The tribunals and department have a Memorandum of Understanding which sets out liaison arrangements between the tribunals and the department.