

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/260) PROGRAMME – 1.1.3 - Office of MARA

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Note Senator Cash's media release "Red tape reduction for migration agents" on 5 December 2013 removing the English language proficiency requirement for re-registering migration agents.

To what extent was the Department and the MARA involved in this "consultation"?
What other stakeholders participated in this consultation?

Answer:

The department prepares policy advice for the Assistant Minister's Office and is informed by a consultative process that includes the two main migration advice sector stakeholders, the Migration Institute of Australia and the Law Council of Australia, and through regular consultation with the Office of the MARA.