

**QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 May 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0027) Program: Internal Product**

Senator Cash (L&CA 24-25) asked:

Confirm the procedure surrounding the official appointment of an acting secretary.

*Answer.*

Under s.62 of the Public Service Act 1999, the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship appoints a person to act in the office of the Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. The acting arrangements are reflected in an instrument signed by the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.