

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 May 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0296) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (L&CA 9) asked:

When did the Minister decide to amend the Migration Act to strengthen the provisions relating to general criminal conduct currently before the parliament?

Answer:

The Department is not aware of when the Minister made this decision. The Minister announced his intention to amend the *Migration Act 1958* so that a person would fail the character test should they be convicted of any offence committed while they are in immigration detention on 26 April 2011.