

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0702) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 93) asked:

What was the outcome of the initial pilot program involving interviewing 60 clients to determine their age?

Answer:

Of the 60 clients interviewed as part of the pilot, the following outcomes were noted:

- **2** clients voluntarily reverted to their original date of birth;
- **33** clients were found to be over 18;
- the Department continued to treat **23** clients as minors; and
- **2** clients turned 18 during the pilot.