

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE12/0194) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash asked:

I refer to the answer given to AE12/0179 which states “The Department has received representations from the Australian tourism sector regarding increasing the length of stay for visa holders. This is being considered” – What is the status of these considerations?

*Answer:*

The Department has consulted with stakeholder agencies on changes to the Working Holiday Maker program to support tourism and other industries and further work is ongoing. Any outcomes will be announced once any changes are agreed by Government.