

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0310) Program 3.1: Border management

Senator Cash (L&CA 61) asked:

Has the department investigated Top One Consultancy Services? What was the outcome of that investigation? How many sham marriages has this service arranged or been found to have arranged?

Answer:

The department commenced an investigation as a result of claims made in the media report of 4 September 2011. It would be inappropriate for the department to provide comment on specific details relating to operational investigation matters.