

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE12/0356) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution**

Senator Cash asked:

I refer to the Commonwealth Ombudsman report entitled “Detention arrangements – the transfer of 22 detainees from Villawood Immigration Detention Centre to the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre Silverwater” dated April 2012 and I ask: 17. When was the draft updated PAM sent to relevant stakeholders for final comment?

*Answer:*

The Department received an initial notice of investigation into the transfer of detainees to Silverwater on 02 June 2011 and a draft report early in 2012, during which time the Department reviewed its policies and amended the PAM accordingly.

The draft updated PAM was provided to the relevant stakeholders for final comment on 05 April 2012.