

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0117) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 46) asked:

Ms Larkins: We would not be applying an interview process to a six-year-old but we may apply it to someone who is 17.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Is it applied to unaccompanied minors?

Ms Larkins: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

Minors, including unaccompanied minors, may be subject to enhanced screening. The Department considers whether a person is suitable for enhanced screening on a case-by-case basis and takes into consideration personal characteristics including vulnerabilities such as physical and mental disability, age and maturity. Information regarding vulnerabilities is included in the Enhanced Screening Policy Guidelines.