

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0561) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Rhiannon (Written) asked:

At any time prior to being involuntarily returned, are Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) who have been “screened out” specifically made aware by the Department of the availability of free legal services?

Answer:

On arrival at an immigration detention facility (IDF), as part of the induction process, people in immigration detention are informed of their entitlement to seek legal advice.