

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(185) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

Are overseas applicants able to appoint an 'authorised recipient' who is not named within a visa application? Is any consideration being given to this practice being stopped?

Answer:

Yes, an applicant, sponsor or nominator, whether in Australia or overseas, may appoint another person to act as an authorised recipient, regardless of whether that person has been named within the application or not.

There are no plans currently under consideration to alter this approach.