

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(189) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

In relation to 410 visas, does the Australian Government Actuary report include projections on additional tax revenue as well as those on costs?

Answer:

No, the Australian Government Actuary's report indicates that it would be difficult to quantify the possible taxation implications of a change in residency status for Retirement (Subclass 410) visa holders in the absence of data on the amount and source of income currently being received by these visa holders.

As agreed with representatives of the British Expat Retirees In Australia (BERIA) at their meeting in November 2009, the Australian Government Actuary has, however, acknowledged in their report that it is likely that some income which is currently not taxed in Australia would become taxable and so give rise to additional taxation revenue.