

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(280) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

When did the department first engage with East Timorese officials to discuss the regional processing centre policy?

*Answer:*

Senior departmental officials from DIAC and DFAT met East Timorese officials in Dili on 12-13 July 2010. The purpose of the visit was to provide further information on the proposed Regional Protection Framework and associated regional processing centre.