

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(350) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

What processes are undertaken to verify documents?

Answer:

DIAC officers are trained in document fraud detection, and use tools such as document reference libraries and various systems to assist in verifying the authenticity of documents presented. If there is still uncertainty about a document's authenticity, officers refer the document to DIAC forensic document examination specialists for detailed analysis.