

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE11/0022) Program: Internal Product**

Senator Brandis (L&CA 57-58) asked:

In relation to the advice the Department received prior to the High Court decision on Malaysia, what particular aspects of international law was the Office of International Law asked to advise about?

*Answer:*

Consistent with the usual position that it is not generally in the public interest to provide details of legal advice because of the prejudice the Commonwealth might suffer in the conduct of its legal affairs, it is not considered appropriate to provide the information requested.