

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0024) Program : Internal Product

Senator Brandis (L&CA 58-59) asked:

In relation to the advice the Department received prior to 31 August 2011, provide all of the particular topics on which advice was sought from the Office of International Law, Mr Ian Deane and the Solicitor General.

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.