QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0061) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

How was your Department/Agency consulted in the development of the carbon price package?

Answer.

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship was not consulted. Information was subsequently sought from the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency and its response was:

The carbon price package was developed in consultation with agencies with a direct interest in the policy. DIAC was not consulted as it has no policy responsibility for matters which are affected by the carbon price package and has no responsibility for implementing measures under the Clean Energy Future Plan. DCCEE will consult DIAC if any issues within DIAC's area of responsibility emerge which require consultation between the two agencies.