

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0256) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Di Natale (written) asked:

Whole of portfolio - Relating to the Joint Standing Committee on Migration, 'The Migration Treatment of Disability: Enabling Australia' Report (tabled 21 July 2010) and its recommendations: How has the Department implemented the streamlining of the health waiver for offshore humanitarian applicants, in response to the Report?

Answer:

The streamlining of the offshore humanitarian waiver program was implemented on 1 July 2012 following provisions made available in the 2012/2013 budget measures.

This was implemented via an operational policy change.