

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(SE12/0266) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Cash (L&CA 77) asked:

When was the last time the government updated its country assessment information for Sri Lanka?

*Answer:*

Country Guidance Notes (CGN) on Sri Lanka were last updated in November 2010, noting that the most recent UNHCR Eligibility Guidelines For Assessing The International Protection Needs Of Asylum-Seekers From Sri Lanka were issued in July 2010.

The Country Research Section monitors country of origin information (COI) on asylum seeker source countries on a daily basis and makes available relevant, quality-tested open source COI to decision makers on a database known as CISNET.