

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0393) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Biometrics: How does the DIAC biometric identification system comply with the requirements of personal privacy for all enrolled applicants on the system?

Answer:

The DIAC Biometrics Acquisition and Matching system (BAMs) is subject to the same range of security controls as other DIAC systems to safeguard privacy and prevent unauthorised access. Access to DIAC systems including BAMS are subject to approval procedures. All persons with access to DIAC's Biometric System are subject to Instrument's of Delegation and Authorisation relating to access, use and disclosure of identifying information, which includes biometrics.