

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0406) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (L&CA 64) asked:

When was the Minister advised that Mr Al Abassi's family had not responded to the notice of intent to cancel by the due date of 10 October? When was the Minister told by the relevant officer that there was a request for an extension until 17 October, when was the Minister actually advised of that, and also, why has the Minister taken so long to respond?

Answer:

Oral advice of the request was passed to the Minister's Office on 10 October 2012, followed by a formal briefing on 11 October 2012. The Minister cannot provide a decision on whether to grant an extension as there are no provisions in the Act or the Regulations which allow for such an extension of time.