

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE – LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**INQUIRY INTO AUSTRALIA'S AGREEMENT WITH MALAYSIA IN RELATION TO
ASYLUM SEEKERS: 23 SEPTEMBER 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(QON 19)

Senator Cash (L&CA 47) asked:

If you do not want to provide it by way of Hansard evidence, can you take on notice to provide to the committee exactly what those safeguards are [regarding identity document for the 800 transferees]?

Answer:

Safeguards in place on the identity card to be issued to the 800 to limit counterfeit opportunities included a unique registration number, including Departmental system identifiers. The card also incorporates anti-tamper and counter-counterfeit features including security features that are visible under UV light, a diffracting foil lamina securing all information once printed and an intricate background that underlies part of the photo and is sensitive to substitution. In addition to these security features the card contains other covert security features.

The card also details the:

- person's name;
- sex;
- date of birth;
- country of birth; and
- country of nationality.

The card displays:

- a facial photo;
- the 'nominal Roll ID' (a combination of the boat's code name, and the passenger manifest number);
- a 'record number' which is actually a reference number from DIAC Departmental systems to allow checking for case details including biometric fingerprint and facial image;
- a 'serial number' which is unique to each issued card; and
- a direct contact number for the Malaysian Immigration Department.