

The DPP is barking up the same wrong tree as the committee and parliament.

It makes not a jot of difference in law if the passengers of any vessel are found to be refugees as that is not the right conferred by Australian and international law.

The right conferred on anyone is to enter and seek asylum from persecution under the refugee convention and unless the parliament takes away that right by writing to the UN and withdrawing from the refugee convention and protocol that right will always exist.

And we all know this has nothing to do with "Deterring people smuggling", because no-one is being smuggled, as Andrew Metcalfe said in estimates it is about stopping asylum seekers and that is illegal.

Now what you fools have to ask is this - what if all 148 nations who ratified the refugee convention decided on deterrence instead of protection?

You fools are contributing to the genocide of Hazara and are too lazy and too ignorant to even know it.

Why it is you think you have to punish only the people who have nothing to do with anything though is what is so ridiculous when we discover that a gastro-enterologist is doing the bone x-rays for the Indonesia children.

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each occasion they would rotate back to Australia for a few weeks or simply to another post in the region and

work there is the sort of fine detail we have not gone through yet.

Senator HUMPHRIES—Sure. Language training?

Mr Metcalfe—That would certainly be something that we would seek to do as well.

CHAIR—I am not pressuring you for time. Senator Hanson-Young has 15 minutes in this area.

Senator HUMPHRIES—If it was anybody else, I would say no, but I will let her go.

CHAIR—I am just wondering whether she should do her 15 and then we will come back to you. Or, if you

have got only another five minutes, we could wrap you up.

Senator HUMPHRIES—No. I have a bit more than that, so I would be very happy to defer to Senator Hanson-Young.

CHAIR—Then she could go home, because she has a young child here. So that would be most accommodating.

Senator HUMPHRIES—I come from a family oriented party, so I understand that argument.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Thank you. The reason it is so short is that I put the IOM questions to you earlier, so I snuck that one in. The final question I have in outcome 3 is in relation to the specific budget

measure in Budget Paper No. 2 that refers to border security and the engagement with Indonesia. Do you want

to find that? Do you want me to keep talking, or do you want me to let you find that first?

Senator Chris Evans—I think you have got the right people at the table, Senator.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Great. So this engagement measure within Indonesia describes \$31.2 million going from the aid budget to managing irregular migration flows. I want to firstly clarify what that

means in terms of going from the aid budget. Is that from Foreign Affairs? Is that from something else within

Immigration? What will that actually be used for?

Mr Metcalfe—In broad terms, Senator, that indicates that the activity is ODA eligible. It qualifies as overseas development assistance and is therefore drawn down from the budget administered by AusAID and

the department of foreign affairs.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Would you be able to specify the items listed that will be funded through that \$31.2 million and whether any of that money will actually go towards combating people smuggling, visa

determination processes and the processing of involuntary returns?

Mr Hughes—The combination of things provided for includes assisting UNHCR with the early refugee status determination of irregular migrants in Indonesia, supporting Indonesia with accommodation and

detention arrangements for people—

Senator HANSON-YOUNG—That is detention facilities?

Mr Hughes—Accommodation and detention arrangements for people intercepted by the Indonesian police

and immigration. It is enhancing Indonesia's capacity to undertake returns of people found not to require

international protection and assisting the Indonesian authorities in improving their immigration system.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Does any of that money go to the IOM?

Mr Hughes—At the moment, the details have to be worked through with the Indonesian authorities because the intention is to support them in their local capability. So I cannot say at the moment how much of

that might be spent through IOM. But it is possible.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG—I understand the idea of accommodation and detention facilities, but in terms of the policing side of it, does that lead specifically to people smuggling, or is that about policing those

people who are held in detention?

Mr Metcalfe—It is about irregular migrants or people who are potentially being people smuggled to Australia. It is simply a continuation and an expansion of what has been happening for many years, where we

work with Indonesian immigration authorities to assist them with people who may be unlawfully in Indonesia

who are seeking asylum. We work with the UNHCR and we work with IOM to provide capacity building so

that the Indonesian immigration authorities have a greater ability to manage the situation that they face to

ensure that people who are in fact seeking protection are able to access processes and so on.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Sure. Correct me if I am wrong. It is for individuals seeking asylum and helping to establish those processes?

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Mr Metcalfe—It is for us to support Indonesia as it participates in regional arrangements and cooperation.

So it is very much about supporting the Indonesian and international effort to support irregular migrants in

Indonesia, many of whom are seeking to come to Australia illegally.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Will any of that money go towards Indonesia dealing specifically with people smugglers?

Mr Metcalfe—People smugglers or people being smuggled?

Senator HANSON-YOUNG—People smugglers.

Mr Metcalfe—It would not be my expectation that it would be targeted at people smugglers. There may be

other elements of law enforcement cooperation through the Australian Federal Police, for example, where

there may be work in that sphere. But this is very much about the immigration processes and supporti ng their

processes to deal with the many people who are in Indonesia and come into Indonesia.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG—So the other various programs that are listed under the budget specifically about targeting people smuggling are going to be related to the smugglers as opposed to the individuals and

this is about those individuals who are—

Mr Metcalfe—When we talk about people smuggling, there are many things within that. It is ultimately

designed to ensure that individuals are supported without seeking to embark on the very risky voyage to

Australia. From our perspective, that largely relates to assistance to the Indonesian immigration agency, the

UNHCR and the IOM. Other elements of Australian government support certainly go to law enforcement

cooperation, which will be more directly targeting the criminal elements associated with people smuggling.

Senator Chris Evans—Our focus is very much on capacity building in immigration in Indonesia. If you are talking about law enforcement initiatives, they are much in the AFP space of initiatives and work they do

with the counterpart police operations et cetera. Our relationship is with Imigrasi and it is about their capacities and professionalism, be it on border management systems through to policy development and

detention and returns processing et cetera.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG—So you are confident that this \$31.2 million that has been taken from the aid

budget specifically for this engagement with Indonesia will not be used to combat the criminality aspect of

people smuggling? It is not about people smugglers; this is going to be about the—

Mr Metcalfe—I see the point you are making, though. This is very much about the immigration capacity as

opposed to the law enforcement capacity, if you want to draw that distinction.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Thank you very much. That is all I have. I think I was under 15 minutes. There you go.